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FROM THE

SELECT COMMITTEE

ON THE

CARRICKFERGUS ELECTION PETITION:

WITH THE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AND THE EVIDENCE

TAKEN BEFORE THEM.

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MR. O'CONNELL, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the merits of the Petition of the three undersigned Freeholders, Leaseholders and Householders of the Town and County of the Town of *Carrickfergus*, in *Ireland*, Electors who had a right to vote at the last Election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the said Town and County of the Town of *Carrickfergus*, and who therein and thereby claim to have had such right, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the said Town and County, informed the House, That the said Committee had determined;—

THAT *Cowsey Richard Dobbs*, Esquire, is not duly elected a Burgess to serve in this present Parliament for the Town and County of the Town of *Carrickfergus* :

THAT the last Election for the Town and County of the Town of *Carrickfergus* is a void Election :

THAT the Petition of the said Freeholders, Leaseholders and Householders, does not appear to the said Committee to be frivolous or vexatious :

THAT the opposition to the said Petition does not appear to the said Committee to be frivolous or vexatious.

Mr. O'CONNELL also informed The House, That the said Select Committee had come to the following Resolutions, which they had directed him to report to The House :—

THAT the most gross and scandalous bribery appears to have prevailed on both sides at the late Election for the Town and County of the Town of *Carrickfergus* ; and that although it does not appear that the said *Cowsey Richard Dobbs*, Esquire, did personally take any part in such bribery, yet that his Return was procured by his agents and friends by bribery.

THAT a great proportion of the constituency, composed of Freemen of the Corporation, have been influenced solely by bribery in giving their votes at the late Election ; and it appears to the Committee that similar corrupt practices have prevailed at former Elections for the said Town and County of the Town of *Carrickfergus*.

THAT the Committee beg leave to submit to the most serious attention of The House the evidence of gross bribery and corruption which appears upon the Minutes of Evidence.

THAT great expense has been occasioned to the Parties by the delay in the production of certain Documents which were required in the progress of the Petitioner's Case ; and that the Committee would also beg to direct the attention of The House to the facts which appear upon the Minutes of Evidence on that subject.

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DANIEL O'CONNELL, ESQUIRE,

IN THE CHAIR.

The Members were called over,—All present.

THE Petition of Lord Arthur Chichester and others, complaining of the undue Return of *Conway Richard Dobbs, Esq.*, was read.

Counsel for the Petitioners,—*Mr. Pollock, Mr. O'Hanlon, Mr. Follett.*
Agent,—*Mr. John Wallace.*

Counsel for the Sitting Member,—*Mr. Harrison, Mr. Theiger.*
Agents,—*Messrs. Fladgate, Young & Jackson.*

Mr. Theiger objected to the Petitioners being heard, on the ground that they were all non-residents, no one of them residing within seven miles of Carrickfergus; and contended that no person could, by merely stating a claim to vote, be not possessing it, have a right to petition under the Statute of the 9th Geo. 4. cap. 22.

Mr. Pollock was heard on the part of the Petitioners, and contended that the Petitioners were entitled to proceed.

Mr. O'Hanlon also addressed the Committee, and contended that the Petition having been referred by the House of Commons to the Committee, they were bound to inquire into its merits, and that the objection was raised at too late a stage of the proceedings, as if the Petitioners were incompetent, the objection should have been made in the House of Commons.

Mr. Theiger was heard in reply.

The Committee determined that the Petitioners should proceed with evidence in support of their Petition.

Mr. Adam Cunningham, called in; and having been sworn; was Examined by *Mr. O'Hanlon*, as follows:

1. YOUR name is Adam Cunningham?—Yes.
2. You are the Clerk of the Pence and Town Clerk of Carrickfergus?—Yes, of the county of the town of Carrickfergus.
3. Have you got the poll-books of the last election?—I have.
4. Are those the books which you have in your hand?—They are.

[*The Poll-Books were put in.*]

5. There are two books here?—There were two booths, and one book for each.
6. They are the poll-books for each booth?—Yes.
7. From whom did you get these books?—From the Sheriff.
8. Who gave you the books?—The Sheriff.
9. What is his name?—*Mr. John Campbell.*
10. He was Sheriff at the last election?—He was.
11. Have you got the Register of the Freeman?—I have.
12. Produce it, if you please?—It is not here; I was told I need not bring it.

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13. Have you not brought it with you?—Yes; I have it in town.
14. You will produce it, if it is wanted?—Yes.

Mr. *Thesiger* contended it was necessary for the Register to be produced before the Petitioners could proceed.

The Committee determined that the Petitioners should be allowed to proceed, and directed the Witness to produce the register when his examination was concluded.

15. These three papers which you have handed to me are the affidavits, I believe, of the Sheriff of the delivery to you of the poll-books, and here is the account of the expenses?—Yes.

Cross-examined by Mr. *Thesiger*.

16. When did you receive those poll-books?—The same evening, at the end of the election, within half an hour.
17. Were they sealed by any body?—They were.
18. By whom?—By the assessor.
19. Mr. Joy, the assessor?—Yes, he sealed them.
20. How long did they remain in your possession after that?—They have not been out of my possession yet.
21. Have they never been out of your possession?—Never.
22. Was any application made to you at any time by any person for those poll-books?—There was, to examine them.
23. How long was that after they had been delivered to you?—It was about a month.
24. Who was the person who made the application to you?—Mr. Wallace.
25. The agent for the Petitioner?—Yes; and I refused for a week.
26. But at the end of the week you determined to give them up to him?—In consequence of a requisition from four electors.
27. Did Mr. Wallace, at the end of the week, have the books?—I opened them, and he took extracts from them.
28. Where had you kept the books?—In my own office, and in my own house.
29. Do you mean to say Mr. Wallace had the books at your own office, and made extracts there?—He did take extracts.
30. Did he take extracts from the books in your own office?—He looked at them there, and the young man he authorized went into the next house.
31. Were they not taken to the town gaol?—They were, to an office in the town gaol.
32. Who were the persons who saw the books at the town gaol?—None, but the one who took the extracts.
33. Who was that person?—John Forbes.
34. Was he a clerk of Mr. Wallace's?—No, he is not; he is a clerk in the prison.
35. How came Mr. Forbes to make extracts from the books?—At the request of Mr. Wallace; and Mr. Wallace went away.
36. Committee.]—Did you go with the books to the town gaol?—Most certainly.
37. Were they out of your presence at all?—Not at all.
38. Mr. *Thesiger*.]—Do you mean to swear they never were out of your sight?—Never out of my sight.
39. You say that you went with the books, that they were opened at the town gaol, and extracts taken from them there?—They were opened at my own house.
40. But the extracts were made at the town gaol?—Yes.
41. And did you take them back again to your own house after the extracts were made?—That instant.
42. And from that time to this they have been in your possession, have they?—They have, and never out of it.
43. Did any person, on behalf of the sitting Member, take extracts from the books?—No.
44. They were only opened for the Petitioners' agent?—Yes; and for the sitting Member, if required.
45. But it was not required by him?—No, it was not required.
46. Do you undertake to swear the books are in the same state as when you received them from the Sheriff?—I will.
47. No alteration at all?—No alteration at all.

48. Committee.]

48. *Committee.*—Was John Forbes a clerk of Mr. Wallace's?—No, he is not a clerk of his.

49. You said he was a clerk in the prison; what do you mean by that; there is no such officer?—He is a nephew of the governor of the gaol, and does the business.

50. *Mr. Theisger.*—Were the poll-books taken to any other place besides the town gaol?—After Mr. Wallace applied for them, I did not know how to act, and I came to find the Sheriff, and he was abroad, and I asked for the deputy sheriff, and I could get no information. I went to the assessor's brother, and he showed a letter which gave an opinion they should not be opened.

51. Did you carry the poll-books to any other place than the town gaol?—I did, but they were not opened at any other place.

52. Where were they carried?—I carried them to the Sheriff's house in the county of Down, to know whether I could deliver them back to him, for I had my doubts whether I could open them at all.

53. But they were not opened?—Not at all.

54. This was before you went to the town gaol, was it?—Certainly.

55. And you are quite sure the seal was not broken in the county of Down?—It was not.

56. *Committee.*—Were you served with any requisition to do it?—Yes, here is the requisition.

57. Could any body have had an opportunity of tearing out any leaves, or making alterations from the time you got them, till this moment?—No, I always had them under lock and key.

Benjamin Pegueter, having been sworn; was Examined by *Mr. O'Hanlon*, as follows.

58. WHAT are you?—I am a clerk in the Crown office.

59. What is that paper you produce?—The last return for the county and town of Carrickfergus.

60. The writ and return?—The writ and indenture.

61. *Committee.*—You brought that from the proper office?—I did.

The documents were put in, and also the certificate signed by the Sheriff.

Mr. Adam Cunningham, again called in; and further Cross-examined by *Mr. Theisger*, as follows.

62. WHEN were the affidavits that you handed in, delivered to you; the affidavits by the Sheriff's?—Not till the 21st of February.

63. When were they delivered to you?—The evening of that day.

James Stephenson, called in; and having been sworn; was Examined by *Mr. O'Hanlon*, as follows.

64. WERE you a poll clerk at the last election in the town of Carrickfergus?—*I was.*

65. At which of the booths?—No. 1.

66. Look at those books, what No. is that?—No. 2.

67. Look at that!—This is No. 1.

68. Is that the poll-book kept by you?—It is.

69. In your handwriting?—In my handwriting.

70. *Committee.*—You made the entries truly?—Yes.

Mr. Thomas Hilditch, called in; and having been sworn; was Examined by *Mr. O'Hanlon*, as follows.

71. WERE you a poll clerk at the last election for the town of Carrickfergus?—*I was sheriff's poll clerk.*

72. Look at that book?—

73. *Witness.*—*Mr. Chairman*, did you see those books opened?—*Committee.*—*Yes.*

74. *Witness.*—Were they sealed with black or red wax?—*Committee.*—*You are not to ask questions, but to answer them.*

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75. Mr. O'Hanlon.]—Is that the poll-book kept by you?—It is.
76. Did you keep it truly and faithfully?—I did.
77. Is it in your handwriting?—Yes.
78. Committee.]—Is that No. 2?—No, 2.

William Birley, Esq., called in; and having been sworn; was Examined by
Mr. O'Hanlon, as follows.

William Birley,
Esq.

79. I BELIEVE you are a Justice of the peace for the county of the town of Carrickfergus?—I am.
80. Were you one of the magistrates appointed by the Sheriffs at the last election to administer the oath to Roman Catholics?—I was.
81. Was there any other person appointed with you?—Yes.
82. Who was?—Mr. Wills.
83. Where did you discharge that duty?—No where.
84. Did you refuse to do so?—I did not.
85. To your knowledge, was there any other magistrate appointed to administer the oaths?—There was.
86. Who?—Mr. Wills.
87. Except Mr. Wills?—I never heard of any other.
88. You administered the oath to nobody?—I did not.
89. To your knowledge, did any Roman Catholics vote at the last election?—I cannot swear to their being Roman Catholics, except by reputation.

Mr. Thesiger objected to evidence of reputation.

90. Mr. O'Hanlon.]—Were you a member of Mr. Dobbs's Committee?—I was not.
91. Was there a committee?—I believe there were committees, but I do not know who the persons were who were on them. I have heard there were committees; I have heard the names of persons mentioned as committee-men.
92. Do you know Mr. David Legg?—I do.
93. Look at that paper if you please; do you know whose handwriting it is in?—[A Paper was shown to the Witness.]—It is something like Mr. Legg's. I would not swear it was his handwriting, particularly the signature.
94. Committee.]—Did you ever see Mr Legg write?—Yes, often.
95. Mr. O'Hanlon.]—Yet you will not swear it is his handwriting?—No, I will not, because I do not think the signature like.
96. Committee.]—Can you form any belief?—From the first part of the letter I should say it was his writing, but the signature is very unlike his.
97. Tell me in what particular it is unlike his name?—It is unlike his usual manner of writing. I would not swear it is not his hand-writing, but it is not his usual method of signing his name.
98. What is the name written there?—It is David Legg, as well as I can make it out.
99. What is Mr. Legg?—He is a solicitor.
100. Have you ever had any business with him?—Yes, I have.
101. What sort of business?—He has done business for me.
102. He is your own solicitor?—Yes.
103. Committee.]—Look at the body of it; can you form any opinion or belief as to whether or not the body of that handwriting be the handwriting of Mr. Legg?—I do believe the body of the writing is in his handwriting.
104. You doubt the signature?—Yes.
105. Does your doubt go to the extent of inducing you to believe the signature not to be his?—It does not go that length.
106. Now will you swear there was no committee at the last election for the conduct of the election of Mr. Dobbs?—I will not.
107. Will you swear you do not know there was a committee?—I have heard there were committees.
108. Committees for each candidate?—No, committees in the different parts of the corporation.
109. Then Mr. Dobbs had various committees?—Committees formed there for the purpose of returning him.
110. Do you live in Carrickfergus?—Not in Carrickfergus, but near to it.

111. Committee.]

111. *Committee.*—Are you a corporate magistrate, or a magistrate by the commission of the Lord Chancellor?—By commission of the Lord Chancellor.

112. Are there corporate magistrates?—There ought to be, but there are none resident.

113. By Mr. *O'Hanlon*.—Tell us any of the persons who, to your knowledge, were members of any of those committees?—I dare say I could, so far as I have heard, but I have no other means of knowing.

114. Do you know Mr. David Legg?—I do.

115. Was he a member of the committee, to your knowledge?—Not that I know of.

116. Did you, on any occasion, attend any of those committees?—I think I did.

117. Which of them?—It was the Irish quarter committee.

118. Can you tell me any of the persons you saw there?—Yes, I can; there was a man of the name of James Jemfey.

119. Any other person?—Yes, I saw a man of the name of Truckington there; I do not remember his christian name.

120. Any other person?—I saw two persons named Hay there; one certainly of that name, but I think there were two, though I am not certain.

121. Do you know their christian names?—I do not.

122. Do you remember any other persons?—I cannot swear to any more; those are the only names I recollect, but there were several others there.

123. Do you know a man of the name of McCann?—His christian name, if you please.

124. George?—I do.

125. Did you see him there?—I did not.

126. Or in any other committee-room?—I cannot swear at this present moment that I saw him at any committee-room. I saw him at Mr. Dobbs's lodgings; I am almost sure I did, but I will not swear I saw him there.

127. Now where were Mr. Dobbs's lodgings at the election?—In one of the principal streets of the town.

128. At the house of what person?—At the house of a Mr. Paul.

129. What is Mr. Paul?—He is a covenanting clergyman.

130. Did any committee sit in that house?—I never knew of any sitting in that house.

131. Did you see any paper or placard stuck up on any part of that house?—I did.

132. What part of the house was that?—On the outside.

133. What was it that was put up?—"Committee Room," I think. I believe it was "Mr. Dobbs's Committee Room;" but I am certain it was "Committee Room."

134. Was that on the wall?—On the door I think I saw it.

135. The words "Committee Room" were written up?—Yes.

136. Written or printed?—Printed.

137. What is the name of the house in the Irish quarter where you were at the committee?—It was at George McCann's.

138. What is George McCann?—A publican.

139. *Committee.*—That is the same person you were speaking of?—Yes.

140. Mr. *O'Hanlon*.—In what room of McCann's house did the committee sit?—It was a room up stairs.

141.—How many persons did you see in the committee room there?—I cannot say now.

142. Were there a dozen?—I really cannot say.

143. Were there half a dozen?—Oh yes, I am sure there must have been half a dozen.

144. Was McCann in the room himself?—He was not.

145. Were you there more than once?—Never.

146. Was there any paper on McCann's house?—None.

147. Did you see any of the electors about the doors?—I did not.

148. In the house?—Nor in the house.

149. What were the persons doing in this committee room?—They were sitting there.

150. With papers before them?—No, I did not see any papers.

151. Had they any thing else but the papers before them?—They had.

152. What?—They had some spirits.

153. Do you know a man named William Graham?—I do.

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154. Was he there?—Not that I saw.
 155. What is Graham?—A farmer.
 156. Living in the town or out of the town?—I do recollect now that William Graham was in the house below stairs when I came down; I remember meeting him at the door; but he was not in the committee room; I remember it now perfectly well.
 157. What was he doing?—I do not know what he was doing.
 158. Were any persons with him?—No, nobody was with him.
 159. Was he standing alone at the door?—Standing alone.
 160. Did you happen to see him at Mr. Dobbs's lodgings?—Yes; I have seen him there.
 161. When?—I saw him there, I think, at the time of the election.
 162. With Mr. Dobbs himself, or where did you see him?—In one of the rooms at Mr. Dobbs's lodgings.
 163. What was he doing there?—Upon my word I cannot tell what he was doing; he was there very anxious about the election, and that it should be successfully conducted.
 164. And was he talking about it to Mr. Dobbs?—I never heard him talking to Mr. Dobbs about it, but he talked to me.
 165. Was Mr. Dobbs present at any time, going in and out of the room?—I cannot at this present moment say I remember any particular instance in which I saw Mr. Dobbs and Graham talking together.
 166. Do you know how many rooms there were in the house Mr. Dobbs occupied?—I could not tell that.
 167. What room did you see him in?—I have seen him in different rooms.
 168. You have been there more than once?—Very often.
 169. Did you happen to see Graham there more than once?—I have.
 170. More than twice?—Several times.
 171. Where was Mr. Dobbs's sitting-room there?—I think it was up stairs.
 172. You think so?—Yes; the sitting-room, before the election commenced, was down stairs, but at the time of the election he had got another room up stairs.
 173. Was it up stairs or down stairs that you saw Graham generally?—Generally down stairs.
 174. Where?—In the front sitting-room towards the street.
 175. To what purpose was that room appropriated when Mr. Dobbs went up stairs?—It was the room called the committee room.
 176. *Committee.*—There was not only on the outside a placard, with the words "Committee-Room," but there was a room inside the house called the Committee Room?—There was no placard, but it was a sort of open room.
 177. Do you speak now of Paul's house?—Yes.
 178. Was there a room in that house called the committee room?—I saw this placard outside, and this room was a public room; and that is my reason for calling it the committee room; but I never saw the committee in it.
 179. But clerks were writing in it?—Yes; writing poll-books before the election.
 180. Have you not seen other persons in that room?—Many persons.
 181. Do you mean to say it was not the committee room?—I never saw any of the committee there.
 182. *By Mr. O'Hanlon.*—Do you know a person named Wilson?—I know many persons of that name.
 183. Do you know James Wilson?—Yes, I do.
 184. He is the nephew of a man called Henley?—Yes.
 185. Bob Henley?—Yes.
 186. Did you see him there at any time?—Yes, I have.
 187. *Committee.*—The uncle or the nephew?—I have seen James Wilson himself there.
 188. *Mr. O'Hanlon.*—You saw James Wilson there?—I did.
 189. Was Mr. Dobbs ever below stairs?—He might have been, but I cannot swear to any particular instance of seeing him there; he was generally above stairs; I do not recollect ever seeing him, to say he was in that room during the election.
 190. Did you ever see Wilson up stairs?—Yes, I have.
 191. In Mr. Dobbs's own private room?—I have.
 192. What were they about?—Different things; talking about the election, and how it was going on.

193. Did you hear any conversation there about the expense of the election?—Never with Mr. Dobbs.

194. Did you ever hear any conversation in Mr. Dobbs's private room about the expenses of the election?—I do not recollect any conversation; I cannot remember any conversation.

195. Had you any conversation yourself with Mr. Dobbs about the expenses of the election?—None whatever; none during the election.

196. Had you any conversation with him immediately before the election, about the expenses?—Some time before the election I had.

197. What was that conversation?—The conversation was, that he would be at no expense; that he would pay no money of any kind.

198. What did you say to that?—I said we could not help that; if he did not choose to pay any money, we could not make him pay it; I do not know that I made any observation, but that was the fact of the matter.

199. Did you not make any observation then?—I must have made some observation, but I really do not recollect what it was.

200. Did you represent to him the necessity of expending money?—I told him it must cost something.

Mr. *Thesiger* objected to the Counsel for the Petitioners asking the Witness leading questions.

Mr. *O'Hanlon* submitted that he was entitled to do so in consequence of the part taken by the Witness at the election.

201. *Committee to the Witness.*—Did you take a part at the election?—I did.

202. In favour of the sitting Member?—I did.

203. An active part?—I did.

204. When the sitting Member said he would expend no money, was there any question as to who was to expend the money?—There was.

205. And who was to expend the money?—There was a question whether the money could not be got from some public body for the purpose.

206. The National Union, or the Conservatives?—The Conservative Society.

207. Of Dublin?—Of Dublin.

208. When the sitting Member said he would not expend any money, did he say any thing as to his expectation of getting it from the Conservatives?—The conversation did not occur at the election, but a considerable time before it, and I cannot recollect who made the observation; but an observation was made by some of us present, that a sufficient sum might be got from the Conservative Society.

209. That was in the presence of the sitting Member?—It was.

210. In Mr. Dobbs's presence?—Yes.

The *Committee* determined that under the circumstances the Counsel for the Petitioners should be at liberty to put leading questions to the Witness.

211. Mr. *O'Hanlon.*—Did Mr. Dobbs express the same violent repugnance to getting money from this Conservative Club as to spending his own money?—He said he would not have anything to do with money matters; but if money could be got to return him, he did not care where it came from.

212. If it could be got from the Conservative Society, he had no objection?—He had no objection.

213. Were the gentlemen thus conversing members of the Conservative Society?—There was one member, I believe.

214. Are you a member yourself?—I am not.

215. Who was the person that you think was a member?—I cannot recollect that.

216. *Committee.*—Do you recollect upon what grounds you formed the opinion that he was a member?—There was a quiz about it; he was put in the newspaper as a Conservative member by some friends, as a quiz, and I heard that at that time he was not, and I heard some one afterwards say he had actually become a member of it.

217. Do you know a gentleman named Shano?—I do.

218. What is his christian name?—John.

219. Was he present at any of those conversations?—I never saw him; I never had any conversation with him, or was present at any.

220. You never had any conversation with him?—Not during the election.

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221. Did you happen to see him at Mr. Dobbs's lodgings on any occasion?—
I have.
222. Was there any conversation then about the business of the election?—I do
not recollect any particular conversation; he was very little there; he was only
there occasionally, and I did not talk to him much about it.
223. Do you happen to know a man named James Penny?—I do.
224. What is he?—He is a lubberdasher.
225. In Carrickfergus?—Yes.
226. He was one of the persons who, I believe, was active in Mr. Dobbs's interest?
—He was, I believe.
227. Did you see him at Mr. Dobbs's committee room?—I have, in the public
room.
228. Do you mean in the room below stairs?—Yes, in the room below stairs.
229. Committee.]—At Mr. Dobbs's lodgings?—Yes.
230. Mr. O'Hanlon.]—In the same house where the placard was outside?—Yes.
231. Did you ever see him up stairs?—I cannot say now; he might have been
up stairs, but there was such a crowd going backwards and forwards, that I cannot
say positively. Where there is a great crowd of persons going up and down, it is
very hard to say whether a particular person was there or not.
232. Do you mean persons going in and out of the house?—Yes.
233. Going up and down stairs in the house?—Going up and down in the house.
234. That is going up into Mr. Dobbs's room, and coming down again into this
public room?—Yes.
235. There was frequent communication between the upper and the lower room?
—There was.
236. Do you know a man named Marton?—I do.
237. What is his christian name?—William Kirk Marton.
238. Can you recollect whether you saw him there or not?—I did.
239. In the upper or lower room, or in both?—In both.
240. Is that William Kirk Marton a Dr. Marton?—Yes.
241. Do you know a person named Logan?—I do.
242. Paul Logan?—Yes, I do.
243. Was he one of the persons active for Mr. Dobbs?—He was.
244. Did you see him?—I have.
245. Up and down stairs?—Yes.
246. Did you see a person named Robert Bailey?—Yes, I have.
247. Both up and down stairs?—I never saw him up stairs.
248. What is Bailey?—I think he is a publican.
249. Do you not know it?—Yes, he is.
250. Committee.]—Did you see him acting for Mr. Dobbs, at the election?—
I did not say that, but I saw him in the room.
251. Mr. O'Hanlon.]—You did not say he was acting for Mr. Dobbs?—No.
252. And you cannot say he was not?—I cannot; I am sure he was very anxious.
253. Did he take an active part, besides showing anxiety?—He was very busy;
the man was doing what he could. Every man was doing what he could, bringing
in the electors and giving hints, and so on.
254. Committee.]—That is, he was canvassing?—Yes.
255. During the election?—Yes.
256. Mr. O'Hanlon.]—Did you see any money paid in this committee room?—
No, never.
257. Did you see any money produced in the committee room?—No, I do not
recollect ever seeing any money produced. Oh yes, I did.
258. Will you tell me, now you have recollected, where you have seen money
produced?—I saw money produced in the room, in that small room.
259. Committee.]—Are you now speaking of the small room at the Rev. Mr. Paul's,
where Mr. Dobbs lodged?—Yes.
260. The down stair room?—Up stairs.
261. That is what you call the private room?—Not the private room, for every
body was going up there.
262. But the private room, as contrasted with the public room below stairs?
—Yes.
263. Mr. O'Hanlon.]—It was Mr. Dobbs's own room?—He was backwards and
forwards there.

264. He

264. He was frequently in the room below?—More in the room above than in the room below.

265. But occasionally in the room below?—He might have been in it, but I cannot be positive; in general he was up stairs.

266. Was the room in which you say you saw the money produced, Mr. Dobbs's room; was it the room in which he generally was, that you saw the money produced?—That room was Mr. Dobbs's room, but he was very little in it.

267. By whom did you see the money produced?—By Mr. Legg, in a letter.

268. What was the amount of that money?—I cannot tell that.

269. *Committee.*]—What was said about it? was it said who the letter was from, or any thing of that kind?—*No answer.*

270. Mr. Dobbs was in the room at this time?—No, I am sure he was not.

271. Did you see money produced by any other person?—By nobody but by Mr. Legg.

272. Did he produce money once, or more than once in that room?—I never saw it but once.

273. Did you see any money any where else?—Yes, I have seen money in his hands on the stairs.

274. At a different time to that of which you have spoken?—Yes.

275. *Mr. O'Hanlon.*]—Any where else but on the stairs?—Yes, and in the room below stairs; I have seen him often, wherever he was.

276. Wherever he was, and always with money?—I did not say that.

277. But you have seen him in several rooms with money?—Yes, I have seen money often in his hands.

278. During the election?—Yes.

279. Was it in the presence of the electors that he had this money?—There must have been electors present, for almost every man was an elector.

280. *Committee.*]—Was Mr. Legg acting as the attorney of any body?—He was acting merely as a friend, in the same capacity as I was acting myself.

281. For whom?—For Mr. Dobbs.

282. You were acting as his friend at the election?—I was; and he was acting just as I was acting myself.

283. Did you endeavour to procure votes for Mr. Dobbs?—I canvassed, certainly.

284. And Mr. Legg did the same?—And Mr. Legg did the same.

285. *Mr. O'Hanlon.*]—Were you present when the preliminary arrangements of the election were formed between the two conducting agents?—No, I was not.

286. Were you present when the Sheriffs were paid the expenses of the election?—I was present when there was money deposited with the Sheriff.

287. Who deposited that money?—Mr. Legg, I know, did on one side.

288. On whose account?—He deposited it for Mr. Dobbs, to pay Mr. Dobbs's expenses with the Sheriff.

289. Did you hear Mr. Legg at any time speak to Mr. Dobbs, on the subject of the election?—I have.

290. In what shape was the money which you saw produced?—In bank notes; I did not examine the notes, what they were; I only saw they were bank notes, that is all I know.

291. Do you know whether they were large notes or small?—I do not know.

292. *Committee.*]—You are speaking now of the room which you have called the private room?—Yes.

293. *Mr. O'Hanlon.*]—Were you the bearer of any communication from Mr. Dobbs to the Downshire family?—I was not.

294. Had you any conversation with Mr. Dobbs about the part Lord Downshire might take in the election?—I had.

295. What was the nature of the conversation you had with Mr. Dobbs about the part the Downshire family might take in the election?—

Mr. Harrison objected to the question.

The *Committee* determined that the question might be put.

The *Witness.*]—The conversation I had was this: it was asking Mr. Dobbs to stand as a candidate for Carrickfergus; and it was in consequence of Lord George Hill having retired that he had placed the interest of the Downshire family at the disposal of three or four gentlemen who had been very active for Lord George.

296. That who had placed the interest of the Downshire family at the disposal of these

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these gentlemen?—His agent. Lord Downshire's agent told us Lord Downshire would do so.

297. *Committee.*]—Was Mr. Dobbs present at this conversation?—The first conversation I had with Mr. Dobbs on this subject was by letter.

298. *Mr. O'Hanlon.*]—Did you converse with him afterwards on that subject?—Yes.

299. Now tell what the letter was?—

Mr. Harrison objected to the question.

300. Tell us, then, what the conversation was?—It was to the amount that Mr. Riley, on the part of the Marquis, had left his interest at the disposal of three or four gentlemen, of whom I was one, and that any candidate we chose to bring forward we could make use of his interest to support him, and he would use what influence he had over his tenantry.

301. Who were those other gentlemen who were in the same interest with you to find out a candidate; you were one?—I was one; Mr. Legg was another; Mr. John Holmes was another; Dr. Marton another; Captain Thompson another; and I think those were all who were present at the time, but there were others included in it, though we only were present. He said they were persons who composed Lord George Hill's committee, and he placed them at the disposal of those persons.

302. *Committee.*]—You named, first, yourself, then Mr. Legg, Dr. Marton, Mr. Thompson, and you mentioned his christian name?—John Holmes and Captain Thompson; those were the persons who were present.

303. Do you recollect the names of the others?—Yes, I do; those were the persons that were present at the conversation with Mr. Riley.

304. *Committee.*]—Mr. Riley being the agent of the Downshire family?—Yes.

305. *Mr. O'Hanlon.*]—What Mr. Riley is it?—Of Hillsborough.

306. He is Lord Downshire's land agent?—He is.

307. Was James Wilson one of those persons?—No, I do not think he was on Lord Hill's committee; at least I do not recollect he was; his uncle was very active, but I do not know that he was one of the committee.

308. His uncle, Mr. Hamley?—Mr. Hamley.

309. Were you in any other of the open houses except George McCann's?—His was not an open house, that I know of.

310. Was there a committee at any other public house?—I never knew of any; at least I never was at any.

311. Where were the tally rooms?—The tally rooms were one on each side of the street; one of them was next door to Mr. Dobbs's lodging, and the other was opposite.

312. Give me the names of them?—Sam Erskine was one, and Robert Lockhart was the other.

313. Those were the tally rooms?—Yes.

314. Were they public houses?—They were.

315. Were you ever there?—I have been.

316. Did you see people drinking there?—I have.

317. Where?—In the public houses.

318. In what part of the house?—Erskine's house; half was a private house, and the other half was a shop, and I have seen them drinking in the shop end of it, and in the kitchen.

319. Where was the tally room?—In the private end of it.

320. Who were in the tally rooms when you were there?—Clerks and electors.

321. Was Legg there?—I have seen him at times there, backwards and forwards.

322. What was he doing?—He was busy like every other person.

323. Was he giving directions to the clerks?—He was giving directions to the different people to bring in voters.

324. Who sorted the tallies?—Different people.

325. Did you vote by tallies?—Yes; whenever I saw a man standing about the door I said, "Are you going to vote for us? if you are coming here, you shall be put on the tally."

326. Did you see Peasey employed in that manner?—I know he was an active man, but I cannot swear to any particular instance.

327. *Committee.*]

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327. *Committee.*—For which candidate?—For Mr. Dobbs.
328. *Mr. O'Hanlon.*—Do you recollect any of the persons so employed in bringing in the voters?—Yes, I do; almost every man who voted for Mr. Dobbs.
329. Every man who voted for Mr. Dobbs brought in another man?—Yes.
330. Did you see Mr. Dobbs there?—Never.
331. He never went into the tally-rooms?—I never saw him there.
332. Did you see any persons drinking there pay for the drink?—No, I never did; I never stayed long enough for that.
333. Did you drink any thing yourself there?—Never.
334. Did you give any person any thing to drink there?—No, I did not.
335. Have you got any letters of Mr. Dobbs's about the election?—Yes, I have.
336. Have you got them about you?—Yes, I have.

Mr. Harrison objected to the production of the letters, as being private.

[The Witness was ordered to withdraw.]

Mr. Harrison contended that the witness could not be compelled to produce letters written by a candidate to his friend.

The Committee room was cleared.

The Committee determined that, as the letters were not by law protected, they must be produced, but such parts only read as related to the election.

The Counsel and parties were again called in, and informed of the determination of the Committee.

Mr. William Bierley again called in; and further Examined, as follows, by
Mr. O'Hanlon:

337. Now will you let me look at the letters?—

[The Witness handed several letters to Mr. O'Hanlon.]

338. *Committee.*—Do any of those letters relate to the election?—They all of them relate to the election or the petition.

339. *Mr. O'Hanlon.*—We only want those which relate to the election?—Some of them relate to the election.

340. Can you select those which relate to the election from those which relate to the petition?—I can, by looking over them.

341. Have the kindness to do that?—

[The Witness referred to the letters, and handed some of them to Mr. O'Hanlon.]

342. *Committee.*—Are these all the letters you received from Mr. Dobbs relative to the proceedings of the election?—They are all I could find, but not all I received; I suppose I had to search through some hundreds of letters to get what I produce; I had several letters.

343. *Committee.*—You have brought all you had when you received the subpoena?—I brought all I could find.

344. *Mr. O'Hanlon.*—I have a letter here from Mr. Dobbs, addressed to you, in which he refers to a letter of a Mr. Duncan, in these words, "It would be as well for you to keep Duncan's letter to yourselves;" what letter was that?—

Mr. Theiger objected to the question.

345. *Committee.*—Who is Duncan?—He is a gentleman who lives at Carrickfergus.

346. In the interest of Mr. Dobbs?—No, in the opposite interest.

347. *Mr. O'Hanlon.*—What was this letter?—It was a letter of Mr. Duncan's to Mr. Dobbs, that Mr. Dobbs sent to me.

348. What were the contents of that letter?—

Mr. Theiger objected to the question.

[The Witness was ordered to withdraw.]

Mr. O'Hanlon was heard in support of the question.

The Committee room was cleared.

The Committee determined that the evidence should not be received.

The Counsel and parties were again called in, and informed of the determination of the Committee.

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William Bierley, Esq. called in; and having been sworn, was further Examined, as follows, by Mr. O'Hanlon :

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349. HAVE you got the letter of which you have spoken, that Mr. Dobbs inclosed you on the 29th of November; the letter from Mr. Duncan?—I have not.

350. What have you done with it?—I thought the letter of no consequence, and did not take any care of it.

351. *Committee*.]—I thought you said yesterday that you had it?—No, I did not; I remember the object of it, but it was of so little consequence that I took no care of it.

352. *Mr. O'Hanlon*.]—Is there not a warning here from Mr. Dobbs that you should not let it get into any other person's hands?—There is.

353. And you are quite sure you destroyed it?—I have not the letter; I have searched for it; that is, I have searched for every letter I had, and have it not; but I recollect the substance of the letter.

354. *Committee*.]—You actually searched for it?—I did.

355. Where it ought to be found, if it was in existence, among your papers?—I did.

356. *Mr. O'Hanlon*.]—When did you see that letter last?—I cannot say; I cannot recollect.

357. How did you dispose of the letter?—I cannot tell how I disposed of it.

358. Upon receiving this letter from Mr. Dobbs, what did you do with it; did you show it to any body?—I think it probable I showed it to Mr. Legg and Doctor Marton, and some other friends.

359. Were those gentlemen members of Mr. Dobbs's committee?—They were not.

360. You told me there were committees?—Yes, there were local committees.

361. Was there no general superintending committee?—None that I ever heard of.

362. Did you know upon any occasion of any message being sent from the committee sitting at Mr. Dobbs's lodgings to any other committee room?—No, I do not.

363. What was the duty of the local committees of which you have spoken?—They were to make friends, and to see how many persons they could gain to vote for Mr. Dobbs, and to bring them forward at the time of the election.

364. Now, Sir, when these friends were obtained by the local committees, what was done with them?—I cannot tell that; I think the local committees had very little to do, or had very little communication with any one; they exerted themselves and did all they could.

365. What persons do you allude to?—Myself, for instance.

366. Had they little communication with you?—Yes, or Mr. Dobbs, or any person; I never knew they had any communication with Mr. Dobbs at all.

367. Had they none with Mr. Legg?—I think it likely they had; I never saw Mr. Legg have any communication with them, but once, and that was the time I went with them.

368. With Mr. Legg?—With Mr. Legg.

369. Was that the only time you went there?—The only time I recollect.

370. *Committee*.]—What meaning do you give to the term "local committee"?—I mean there were committees for the different parts of the county of the town.

371. Dividing them into districts, a committee for each district?—Yes; I heard there were committees for the different places, but the only one I ever knew of, was the committee for the Scotch quarter, but I never had any communication with it.

372. Where did you hear it was; was it at Mr. Dobbs's lodgings, or generally in the street?—Generally in the street.

373. Were the voters collected by these local committees?—Upon my word I cannot tell whether they were or not; I know they did what they could to make friends.

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374. Mr. O'Hanlon.]—In what manner were they to obtain friends?—One use they were of, was to give hints, and to bring up the men; to hurry them in the morning up to the poll.

375. Where were the tally rooms?—They were in the main street, near the house.

376. Next door to Mr. Dobbs's lodgings you told me there was one?—There was.

377. To your knowledge, were any of the voters brought up from the local committees to this tally room?—I never heard of any.

378. From your knowledge of the proceedings of the election, was it the general course of proceeding to bring the voters up from the local committee rooms?—The usual course of proceeding was, that all those persons who were active, were upon the streets of the town, and when they saw a person who had not polled, they brought him into the tally room.

379. Committee.]—Did you ever see any printed lists of the committee stuck up in different parts of the town?—Never.

380. How were the local committees formed?—I cannot tell; I think they formed themselves. I suppose they did, for I never heard how they were formed.

381. Do you know in what manner the different districts of the town were portioned out?—No I do not know.

382. What was the district of the committees that sat in Mr. Dobbs's lodging?—I never heard of any committee sitting in Mr. Dobbs's lodging; I never saw it.

383. Did the persons who met at Mr. Dobbs's lodging, go for the solicitation of voters to various parts of the town, or any particular district?—Every voter was at Mr. Dobbs's lodging.

384. What, of the twelve hundred who voted?—I mean it was open for them all to come in and out, and they were constantly going backwards and forwards. I have seen all descriptions of persons there, but I never saw a committee, or anything like it.

385. You polled by the letters of the alphabet in the different booths?—Yes.

386. Where were the tallies formed, according to the letters of the alphabet?—In the tally rooms.

387. Who did that duty?—I cannot tell who did it, but I know all the persons bringing voters in, said "here is a man, do you want him," he gave his own name, and was set down.

388. And who arranged them; who settled what tally they were to go upon?—The clerks.

389. Did you see Mr. Legg give any directions as to that part of it, or assist in the direction?—I have.

390. Did you see Mr. Penny?—I cannot say I ever saw Mr. Penny.

391. Dr. Marton?—Yes.

392. You assisted yourself?—I did, I brought men in the same way out of the street.

393. And afterwards settled the tally they were to be on?—No.

394. Committee.]—It was necessary they should be arranged?—I remember one occasion myself writing tallies; I remember doing so on one occasion to oblige a person.

395. Who were the persons you put upon the tally?—I cannot tell, I do not recollect the persons.

396. Had you any previous acquaintance with the persons?—I am sure I had, or I should not have done so.

397. Whom was it to oblige?—I cannot recollect.

398. Can you recollect where you met the persons you put upon that tally?—I cannot recollect; probably in the tally room, but I cannot recollect. I had totally forgotten the circumstance of my having written that, till it was brought to my recollection by your question.

399. Were there any open houses open for the management; I do not ask, open houses, but open for the management of Mr. Dobbs's election, outside the borough?—I do not know of any.

400. Do you know a man named Miller?—Yes, I do.

401. Is he in your employment?—He is.

402. In what capacity?—He is a bailiff.

403. Is he an elector?—He is.

404. Was he active in the election?—I should think he was.

405. Do you not know it?—I have seen many more active a great deal.

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406. *Committee.*—You are asked, was he active?—He was active.
407. *Mr. O'Hanlon.*—Did you know him to have been active in the country in getting voters in?—I cannot say whether he was active, but I know he was bailiff to Lord Downshire, and it was his business to bring in the voters upon that estate.
408. Did you upon any occasion apply with Miller to any voters for his vote?—No, I never recollect doing so.
409. Did you ever canvass with him?—Never.
410. *Committee.*—Do you mean to negative positively that you ever did in company with Miller?—I never recollect doing so.
411. You now rely upon your recollection; you cannot say positively?—He might have been present, but I do not recollect any instance of it.
412. *Mr. O'Hanlon.*—You and he did not co-operate in that?—Certainly not.
413. Were you in any assembly in Mr. Dobbs's interest in the country part outside the town?—Oh yes, I have.
414. Where was that assembly held?—There was one meeting; a large number of people collected at a school house not long before the election, it was while they were canvassing?
415. How long before the election?—A considerable period.
416. A considerable period is very indefinite; was it a week?—It was.
417. Was it a month?—I dare say it was.
418. Was it a week or ten days?—It was more than either.
419. Was that the only assembly of voters in Mr. Dobbs's interest outside the borough which you attended?—I think that was the only one; the only one that I can recollect.
420. Do you recollect any dancing?—No.
421. None?—No, I never was at any dancing, never.
422. Do you know of any dancing?—I heard there was dancing, but I never was at any, nor do I even know of any house that it was in.
423. *Committee.*—When was this?—During the election.
424. *Mr. O'Hanlon.*—Do you know of any party having been sent out from Mr. Dobbs's lodging into the country to get in the country voters?—No, none from Mr. Dobbs's lodging.
425. From where then?—I have seen people in the streets sent off.
426. Pray who was sent upon those occasions?—One man I sent myself; I sent a man named Sam Davison; I remember myself sending him.
427. Where were you when you gave that order to Davison?—I was in the street.
428. Who is Davison?—He is an elector there; he is a labouring man, and an elector.
429. What authority had you over him?—None whatever.
430. Then how came he to follow your directions?—Because I told him it was for Mr. Dobbs's benefit that some person should go to bring persons in, and he was very anxious to do it, as every person was there. I am sure there was no man in the street on our side, who would not have gone instantly if I had asked him.
431. Did you send any other person?—I cannot recollect any other.
432. Endeavour to recollect?—I cannot recollect; in the hurry I might have done so, but he is the only person I recollect.
433. Did you go yourself upon any of these occasions to bring in these out voters?—Never.
434. Or to canvass them?—I had canvassed before the election commenced.
435. Do you recollect going from Mr. Dobbs's lodging to canvass them?—No, I do not recollect going from Mr. Dobbs's lodging to canvass them.
436. How did Davison go, on foot?—Upon my word I cannot tell. I rather think he went in a jaunting car, but I did not see him.
437. Who paid for the jaunting car?—I cannot tell.
438. Did you put him on the jaunting car?—I did not.
439. Did you desire the jaunting car to take him?—No, I desired him to go and get a jaunting car.
440. Are there jaunting cars to hire in Carrickfergus?—There are.
441. Who was to pay the hire of the jaunting car?—I cannot tell.
442. Do you mean to say you sent this labouring man to hire a jaunting car to go and look for voters in the country?—No, I sent him for a particular man.
443. *Committee.*—By man, do you mean voter?—A particular voter.
444. *Mr. O'Hanlon.*—Who was that?—It was, I think, to the best of my recollection, Mr. McMaule.

445. What

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445. What distance was it from Carrickfergus?—About three miles from Carrickfergus. This man had sent to me to send for him.

446. When he should be wanted?—He and his son; he was an old man, and his son was in a bad state of health.

447. *Committee.*—Were they both voters?—Yes.

448. *Mr. O'Hanlon.*—Whose tenants are they?—Mr. Dalway's tenants.

449. *Committee.*—Do you mean by him the Sheriff?—Yes, he is one of the Sheriffs.

450. *Mr. O'Hanlon.*—Did you see Davison go off?—I cannot be positive whether I did or not; I cannot recollect.

451. Did M'Maule come?—He did.

452. What rank of life is Mr. M'Maule in?—He is a very respectable farmer; a man of very comfortable circumstances.

453. And you sent for no other person?—I do not recollect sending for any other.

454. Do you know of any other person being sent for in the same sort of manner?—No more than I have heard there were, but I do not know that they were; no instance came under my own actual knowledge except that.

455. Was there any conversation in Mr. Dobbs's room about sending for them?—Never, that I heard of.

456. *Committee.*—Neither in the committee room, or in the room up stairs?—Neither the one nor the other; it was all in the street.

457. Was any statement made as to the number of persons expected to come in from the country?—I never heard of any; I myself have made calculations from looking at the books, of the general state of the election.

458. Where did you make these calculations?—In the room below stairs.

459. From what book did you make these calculations?—It was from a book that I saw lying on the table; a large book where the voters names were all entered.

460. All the voters in the borough?—Yes.

461. Were entered?—Were entered.

462. *Committee.*—Do you mean the whole house, when you speak of Mr. Dobbs's lodging, or do you distinguish between the room down stairs, the more private one, or the lower room, the more public one; when you speak of the lodging, do you mean the whole house?—Yes.

463. Which room did the books lay in?—In the room below stairs.

464. The public and usual business of the election was conducted in that room?—The fact was, they went into all the rooms; this was the most public one, it was the room that every person went into. Only the more respectable class went up stairs, but the crowd went into this room.

465. It was in the room you called the private room, that was the most select I suppose?—Yes.

466. *Mr. O'Hanlon.*—And you calculate from this book, the number of voters that might be expected from the country?—Not from the country particularly, but altogether.

467. Did you enter into any calculation of the number of voters that might be expected from Mr. Dalway's estate?—Never particularly.

468. Nor from Lord Downshire?—I knew of it long before I knew the people who lived upon these estates.

469. But you did not know the precise number?—I cannot say now, the precise number.

470. *Committee.*—Did I understand you to have been active in the former elections for Lord Hill?—Yes.

471. And you have property of your own in the borough?—I have.

472. Was Mr. Dobbs well known in the borough previous to the election?—His family was well known, but he himself was not.

473. Is Mr. Dobbs a young man?—He is.

474. Who were the persons who introduced Mr. Dobbs to the electors, chiefly?—I was one; a great number introduced him.

475. A great number?—A great many persons.

476. I think you say Mr. Legg, Captain Thompson, Dr. Marton, Mr. Holmes and yourself?—They were the persons to whom Mr. Riley made the first offer.

477. Was it the gentlemen of Lord Hill's committee that were chiefly active in introducing him?—It was.

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478. It was left to them to say whether Mr. Dobbs should be a candidate?—We could bring forward what candidate we pleased.

479. Mr. *O'Hanlon*.]—You brought forward Mr. Dobbs?—Yes.

480. And he suffered himself to be brought forward by you?—He has, for we returned him.

481. *Committee*.]—You say the members of Lord George Hill's committee generally canvassed for him?—They did.

482. Mr. *O'Hanlon*.]—Now Sir, did you attend the registering previous to the election?—I did, I was a great deal there.

483. At Mr. Dobbs's request, I believe?—No, not at his request at all.

484. Will you swear that?—I will.

485. Did Mr. Dobbs ask you to look at the registry for him?—Never.

486. Did he say he should expect from you an account of it?—No, he did not.

487. *Committee*.]—Was Mr. Dobbs at all a candidate at the time of the registering?—He had not declared himself.

488. Mr. *O'Hanlon*.]—Did Mr. Dobbs ask you to give him any account of the registry?—To give him an account, he did.

489. Did he ask you to give him an account of the registry?—I remember in one of his letters, he said he hoped I could give him a favourable account of the registry.

490. *Committee*.]—Then he had it in contemplation before the registry?—He had been applied to before the registry took place, not before the notices.

491. But in the interval between the notices and the registry?—Yes.

492. In consequence of the decision of Lord George Hill?—Yes.

493. *Committee*.]—At the determination of Lord George Hill's committee to adopt Mr. Dobbs as a candidate, did it take place before the registry, or after the registry was concluded?—Before, but only a part of Lord George Hill's committee were aware of it; only a part of the committee were aware of the circumstance, and we kept it quiet for reasons of our own; we knew well that the other members would go along with us, and we kept quiet for a time.

494. So that in fact he was substantially a candidate at the registry?—He was not declared; he was a candidate, but not declared, he had never announced himself.

495. You say Lord George Hill's committee; do you mean the committee at the last election before that?—Yes.

496. Mr. *O'Hanlon*.]—What proportion of the persons registered were freemen?—I cannot tell that.

497. A large proportion?—A very large proportion.

498. What arrangement was made as to paying the expenses of their freedom?—No arrangement was made previously, we had an agreement that we would carry on the registry among ourselves. We expected money to be paid for the registry, and I can tell you how.

499. I shall be glad to hear that presently; now how Sir did you expect to be paid?—From the Conservative Society.

Mr. Sergeant Andrews objected to the evidence.

The *Committee* determined that the evidence should be admitted.

500. And you expected the money you say from the Conservative Society?—We expected they would pay the expenses of the register.

501. What reason had you for supposing so?—Mr. Legge told me he thought they would pay the expenses of it.

502. Now did you advance the money for the registry?—I did not.

503. Any of it?—Except for my own people.

504. What do you call your own people?—Persons working for me; freemen who were immediately under my own direction.

505. *Committee*.]—Are you in business?—No, I am not; I paid for some of Mr. Dalway's people.

506. For the register?—Yes.

507. Mr. *O'Hanlon*.]—For their admission?—Yes.

508. What was the expense of admission?—Taking in the fees altogether, that is the stamp duty, I think upon each freemen the stamp duty is 1*l.* 4*s.*

509. Is that the whole expense?—There is something to the clerk of the peace, I believe, a shilling or something.

510. How were you informed of the precise sum to be paid for the freedom?—I paid the stamp duty myself.

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511. How did you do it, did you buy the paper upon which the admission was given?—I did.

512. You bought that at the stamp office?—I did.

513. Did you do that in many cases?—I believe there were twelve or thirteen of Mr. Dalway's.

514. You bought the paper for them?—Yes.

515. What further sum of money did you pay for the admission?—None, that I recollect.

516. Nothing but the stamp?—I paid the clerk of the peace whatever his fee was.

517. You did not give money to the freemen to go and pay for their own admission?—No.

518. Not in those cases?—No.

519. Not in Mr. Dalway's case?—No.

520. Are you certain of that?—Certainly.

521. How did you manage with your own people?—In the same way.

522. On each occasion you went and paid for the stamp, and paid the clerk of the peace?—Yes.

523. You swear you paid it to himself?—Yes, I did, some of the fees; there are two classes of fees, and I believe the stamp distributors take some of them, and the clerk of the peace the others himself.

524. And upon those occasions you paid the money with your own hands to the clerk of the peace or the stamp distributor?—I did.

525. You swear that?—I do.

526. And on no occasion you sent the freeman to get the stamp for himself?—I did not.

527. You swear that positively?—I do not remember it.

528. Will you swear positively that you did not?—I might in the hurry of the election, but I do not recollect it.

529. Will you swear you did not do it in five instances?—I do not recollect any instance of it.

530. I ask a distinct question; will you swear that you did not in five cases send the freeman to get the stamp paper for himself, and give him the money for it; say yes or no to that?—That I did not in five instances?

531. In five cases?—I do not recollect any case, and I certainly will swear I did not in five.

532. *Committee.*—The bearing of the question is, can you so far trust to your recollection as to be able to say positively you did not; or do you doubt your recollection?—Why, so far as this, I do not recollect any instance whatever of my giving the money myself to any person.

533. *Committee.*—But yet you would not trust your recollection so far as to say positively you did not?—In the hurry of business I might have done so without recollecting it.

534. *Mr. O'Hanlon.*—You may, possibly, in the hurry of business?—I might have done it, but it is very unlikely, very unlikely indeed.

535. Where is the stamp distributor's office?—In the street of the town opposite the Market-House.

536. Where is the clerk of the peace's office?—Opposite the Market-House also.

537. Is that where you paid the money?—I paid the money in the distributor's office.

538. But the clerk of the peace's fee, where did you pay that?—In his office.

539. In the Market-House?—In the Market-House.

540. Now, Sir, did you see any other money paid than what you paid yourself for the admission of the freemen?—No, never.

541. Never?—Never.

542. And you always went alone; nobody attended you to the stamp distributor's to get stamps for any other person?—I have seen stamps got, but I never saw any money paid.

543. By whom?—I saw Mr. Legg getting stamps.

544. Can you give me any notion of what number?—I cannot.

545. Did you see Mr. Legg pay the clerk of the peace?—For the stamps?

546. No, for the fees?—Yes.

547. Have you any notion of the sum he paid him?—No, I have not; but I recollect once the clerk of the peace refusing to give credit for some fees, and Mr. Legg giving him an order, and saying, "I will be accountable for them," and

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Mr. Cunningham, the clerk of the peace, would not take it unless I made myself responsible for it.

548. Was it Mr. Legg himself or the freeman who applied to the clerk of the peace to give him credit for the fees?—Some of the freemen applied to Mr. Legg, and asked him if he would pay for them, and others paid for themselves; Mr. Legg paid for the others himself; Lord Downshire's tenantry Mr. Legg paid for; I am sure he did, for he was, and I suppose still is, Lord Downshire's law agent for his business in Carrickfergus.

549. *Committee.*—Is he in London?—He is.

550. Had you any meeting with the freemen previous to the registry, as to arranging with any of the freemen the manner of paying the expenses of obtaining their freedom?—I do not recollect any.

551. Had you any conversation with any of them?—I do not recollect any, except Mr. Legg, and Dr. Marton, and Mr. Holmes; I have had conversations with them.

552. Had you those conversations in the presence of any of the freemen?—I do not recollect any persons being present but those I have mentioned.

553. Are you a freeman yourself?—I am not.

554. And you did not trust the freemen to go and pay their own money for these admissions?—If they pleased, they could have done so.

555. Were you considerably hurried about it; were there a great many freemen to be made?—A great many were to be registered.

556. Where did the gentlemen meet who conducted the registry?—I do not recollect exactly; but we always met in the street, sometimes at Mr. Legg's house, and sometimes they met at mine, and came out of my house.

557. Do you remember being at the inn at Anderson's?—Not at the time of the registry, I do not recollect it.

558. Can you tell the names of any persons for whose freedom you paid?—I can.

559. Who were they?—I paid for John Cronin, for one.

560. Any other?—I paid for John Laverty.

561. Now go on?—That was for myself.

562. Did you pay any more for yourself?—No.

563. Only two of your people were paid for?—No.

564. Now give me Dalway's people, as well as you recollect?—I cannot give you their names.

565. Did you pay for a dozen?—Yes.

566. More than a dozen?—I think about a dozen.

567. Did they vote?—I believe they did; some of them, not all.

568. Did half of them vote?—I am sure half of them did.

569. Do you not receive Mr. Dalway's rents?—I do.

570. Did you charge Mr. Dalway in his account with the money you paid for those people?—I have not done so yet.

571. Do you mean to do it?—I do.

572. *Committee.*—You have not been repaid as yet?—I have not.

573. You are not to be paid?—I am not to be paid.

574. *Mr. O'Hanlon.*—Have you made any application to be paid to Sir George Rich?—Never.

575. Has there been any correspondence on that subject?—I never saw any letters.

576. Have you never applied to the Conservative Society to be paid the expenses?—No.

577. You were in expectation I think you said, of being paid?—I know there was an expectation it would be done, but I had nothing to say to it more than the party.

578. Who conducted the negotiation with the Conservative Society?—I do not know.

579. Who told you of the expectation?—Mr. Legg.

Mr. Andrews objected to this as hearsay evidence.

580. *Committee.*—Was that at the conversation you gave evidence of, when Mr. Dobbs said he would not pay; was Mr. Legg at that conversation?—He was.

581. And was it then he named who it was who had said he thought he could get money

money from the Conservative Club?—It must have been either Mr. Legg or myself, I think.

582. Do you include the expenses of the registry and the election?—Mr. Dobbs was never asked to pay the expense of registering.

583. Did the Conservative Society advance any money?—I cannot prove that.

584. You said you met Mr. Legg on the stairs with money in his hand?—Yes, that was at the election.

585. Does your evidence now relate to that conversation you deposed to in the first instance, when you say it was either you or Mr. Legg?—Do you mean as to the money for the election?

586. Yes?—That was the first conversation I had.

587. And this evidence you are now giving, relates to that conversation?—No, as to the conversation about the registry, I do not recollect when that occurred.

588. Mr. Andrews.]—And do you recollect whether Mr. Dobbs was present when this conversation took place about the registry?—I do not.

589. Mr. O'Hanlon.]—Will you say he was not?—I will not.

590. Was he there shortly afterwards?—No.

591. If you got money from the Conservative Society, would you not have thought yourselves justified in applying it to the expenses of the election?—

Mr. Andrews objected to the question.

592. Committee.]—This was before the Registry Act?—It was.

593. Mr. O'Hanlon.]—Have you now any recollection who it was who made the observation in Mr. Dobbs's presence about the Conservative Society, or do you mean to say it must have been either you or Mr. Legg?—Either me or Mr. Legg, or Dr. Marton.

594. Did the question about money include all expenses, or was Mr. Dobbs to contribute in any way to the expense of the registry?—Not of any sort, either of the registry or the election.

595. Committee.]—You were understood to have said that Mr. Dobbs was not in Carrickfergus before the election, did you say so?—Not before he commenced his canvass; he commenced his canvass some time before the election.

596. Where did the conversation take place about the conservative money?—It was in Lisburne.

597. Did Mr. Dobbs declare at the time the registry was going on?—No.

598. Mr. O'Hanlon.]—This conversation which you say took place at Lisburne, was that in Mr. Legg's house at Lisburne?—It was.

599. Mr. Dobbs was there?—He was.

600. Who conducted the negotiation with the Conservative Society?—That I really cannot tell.

601. Was it understood at this conversation who conducted the negotiation?—It was understood that Mr. Legg was to write to a certain person who would have a communication with the Conservative Society.

602. Who was that certain person?—Mr. Boyton.

603. Now, Sir, you told me you were not a member of the Conservative Society, did you ever subscribe or give any money to them?—Never.

604. Did you pay for the freedom of all Mr. Dalway's tenants who were enrolled? I did.

605. Did you pay for any of Lord Downshire's?—I do not recollect that I did. No, I think Lord Downshire paid for his own; I am sure he paid for them all.

606. Committee.]—Do you mean the registry?—Yes.

607. Mr. O'Hanlon.]—Since the election, have you heard any thing about this application to the Conservative Society for the money?—[Mr. Andrews objected to the evidence.]—I do not know of any.

608. Do you mean to tell the Committee, that after having entertained an expectation of money from the Conservative Society, and having expended your money on the faith of it, that you know nothing about it?—I never myself did; I believe Mr. Legg wrote, I have heard he wrote one letter.

609. Committee.]—Who did you hear it from?—From Mr. Legg.

610. Was Mr. Dobbs present?—No.

611. Has there been any reference in Mr. Dobbs's presence, to the circumstances of this application to the Conservative Society since?—None that I ever heard of.

612. You have had no conversation with him about this application to the Conservative Society?—No, I do not know of the application.

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613. *Committee.*—Did Mr. Legg act as attorney at the registry?—He did.
 614. Mr. *O'Hanlon.*—Do you happen to know he was ever paid by any body?
 —I have heard him say he never was.
 615. He acted on the former election for Lord George Hill?—He did.
 616. He was of course paid there?—I presume so.
 617. As a member of the committee, the expenses of the former election were borne by the Downshire family?—They were.

Mr. *Andrews* contended that acts done at the former election, could not be made evidence in this petition.

The *Committee* determined that the evidence should be received *de bene esse*.

618. Mr. *O'Hanlon.*—Upon the occasion of the conversation to which you refer, as to the letter which Mr. Legg produced containing money, did he say it had just arrived by the post?—I think he did.

619. Can you recollect the terms in which he said that?—I cannot recollect the terms, but I think he said he had just got that, or something of that sort.

620. Who was the letter from?—

Mr. *Andrews* objected to the question.

621. Mr. *O'Hanlon.*—Was Mr. Dobbs present?—He was not.

622. Did he say how much the letter contained?—I do not recollect, but he showed me the letter with money in it.

623. Have you ever heard Mr. Legg complain that he was not paid for his attendance as attorney for the registry?—

Mr. *Andrews* objected to the question.

624. Mr. *O'Hanlon.*—Did he mention that he was not paid as a complaint?—No, generally that he never got any settlement; that he never was repaid, or got any settlement, or furnished any bill of costs.

625. To whom was he to furnish any bill of costs?—If to any one, I suppose to the Conservative Society; but he never mentioned any one, or probably to those persons whom he had registered for.

626. Pray did Mr. Legg tell you he had made any application to the Conservative Society for payment of the expenses of the election?—Never.

627. Or the registry?—Never.

628. Have you had any conversation with Mr. Dobbs, as to the expenses of the election since?—None.

629. Nor of the registry?—No, only I recollect saying to Mr. Dobbs, that the election had cost us a good deal of money, or it had been said so.

630. What did he say in reply?—He made no observation.

631. Was there any conversation in Mr. Dobbs's presence, as to the expenses of the election since?—Never any that I was present at. I remember once making an observation to Mr. Dobbs, that it had been said that the election must have cost us a great deal of money.

632. Did Mr. Legg tell you he had made any application to the Conservative Society?—No, he never did; he told me he had written a letter, generally, about the election.

633. To whom?—To some person connected with the Conservative Society.

634. Since the election?—Yes.

635. Do you mean to tell the Committee there has been any conversation between Legg and you about the expenses you expected to be paid by the society?—Very little. There had been some conversation about it; he never made any application to the Conservative Society, he merely mentioned he had written a letter generally upon the business of the election.

636. He did not mention to whom?—I think he did to Mr. Boyton.

637. Did he say the money had formed any part of that communication?—I cannot recollect.

638. Was that included in the general business of the election?—He did not say so to me.

639. Were those the words he employed?—Generally upon the business of the election.

640. He said he had written generally upon the business of the election?—He did.

641. Will you swear that?—I will.

642. *Committee.*—Were those the very words used: "I have written to Mr. Boyton, generally upon the business of the election"?—Yes.

643. When

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643. When was that; when did Mr. Legg tell you that?—It is very lately; I think some time about the beginning of February, or latter end of January.

644. Has there been any subscription to defend this petition?—None that I know of.

645. Have you had any conversation with Mr. Dobbs about the expenses of it?—None particularly.

646. Have you had any letter from him about it?—Many.

647. About the expenses?—Not about the expenses; none whatever.

648. Do you know, as a matter of notoriety, that there were many houses open in the borough of Carrickfergus during the late election?—

Mr. Andrews objected to the question.

649. Mr. O'Hanlon.]—Do you know it as a matter of fact?—I know there were a great many drunken people there, but that is all I know.

650. Do you know of any of the houses that were open in Mr. Dobbs's interest?—I do not know they were open; I have no reason for knowing they were open.

651. Was it matter of notoriety that they were open?—It was not that I know of.

652. Was there any conversation in Mr. Dobbs's room, or in his presence, about getting money from Lord Mandeville?—Never, that I ever heard.

653. Did you ever hear Lord Mandeville's name mentioned in Mr. Dobbs's presence?—Never.

654. Positively?—Never, except that Lord Mandeville was a good friend of Mr. Dobbs's; but I never heard his name connected with money matters in any way.

655. Do you know of any money being obtained from the Belfast bank?—I have heard of it; but I do not know it of my own knowledge.

656. When did you hear it spoken of?—After the election.

Mr. Andrews objected to the evidence.

657. Mr. O'Hanlon.]—At what period of the election was the canvassing chiefly carried on?—The only canvassing carried on was bringing the voters in.

658. That was the only canvassing?—That ever I was acquainted with.

659. Were you not engaged in the evening after the poll was over?—Not I, I have made calculations for my own satisfaction, but I was not engaged in any other way.

660. In this room in Mr. Dobbs's house?—Both in my own room and in this public room; I made these calculations in my own house also.

661. You do not live in Carrickfergus?—No, a mile from it.

662. What time did you leave Carrickfergus during the election?—At various times; sometimes early, and sometimes late.

663. How did you pass your time usually after the close of the poll?—Generally I went home; sometimes I remained in the town, sometimes I dined in the town.

664. Where?—At Anderson's inn.

665. Did you dine alone there?—No, there were several persons dined there.

666. Who were the persons met there?—The attorneys who were engaged.

667. Whose attorneys?—The attorneys employed in conducting the election for Mr. Dobbs.

668. Who were they?—Mr. Birnie was one, Mr. Gwynne another, and Mr. Read another.

669. Any other persons?—Yes, there was an attorney in Larne.

670. Committee.]—What is Mr. Birnie's christian name?—I do not know.

671. Did Mr. Legg dine there?—He did.

672. Mr. O'Hanlon.]—Why did you not mention his name?—Because I thought you asked me as to the attorneys.

673. I did not?—I understood you to say so. There was Mr. Legg, and I, and Mr. James Riley.

674. Who else?—Dr. Marton occasionally dined there.

675. Committee.]—Who were the persons?—Mr. Gwynne and Mr. Birnie, Mr. Read and Mr. Legg, Mr. James Riley.

676. Mr. O'Hanlon.]—Were those the persons who usually composed the party at dinner?—Yes, sometimes they were there, and others were there; the attorneys conducting the business were regularly there.

677. Was Mr. James Wilson ever there?—I think I have seen him there; I

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cannot say he dined there, but I have seen him in the room; I am sure though now he did dine there.

678. *Committee.*]—Is Mr. James Wilson an attorney?—No, he is not. Dr. Marton, I believe, I mentioned.

679. *Mr. O'Hanlon.*]—At what hour did the party usually break up?—I cannot tell.

680. What was usually your dinner hour?—Immediately after the poll was over.

681. And how long did you sit there generally?—I never sat there an hour, I am sure.

682. Did you go home directly usually?—Yes, generally, and sometimes I went down to this room.

683. To which room?—To this public room at Mr. Dobbs's lodgings, to make calculations from the book.

684. And with whom did you make these calculations?—I recollect one particular night making a calculation with Mr. Gwynne.

685. And having made your calculation, what use did you make of it?—I kept it for my own satisfaction; I showed it, I dare say, to some of my friends.

686. What friends?—Mr. Legg, and Dr. Marton, and others.

687. When did you show it to them?—I showed it to the attorneys also.

688. You and the attorneys and Dr. Marton were together?—Not on any occasion, but I have showed it to them occasionally when I met them.

689. It was a joint business?—No, it was my own private business.

690. Did you ever go up to Mr. Dobbs's room after dinner?—No, never.

691. Was this a public ordinary?—Any person who pleased might go and dine there; I saw nobody but our friends, but I saw them dining.

692. Did you pay for your dinner?—I will pay for it, I am sure; I have an account with Anderson.

693. How do you know he will expect you to pay it?—Because he will take care to charge me.

694. How do you know he will charge you?—Because he has charged me for every thing I have had.

695. *Committee.*]—Did any of the party pay?—I did not see them; but I have an account there, and I put my horses there when I come into the town.

696. *Mr. O'Hanlon.*]—Have you any reason to know he will charge you for it?—I am sure he will charge me, and I shall have to pay it.

697. You have no doubt of that?—I have no doubt of it.

698. Was there a charge made of so much per head for dining there?—There was no bill produced that I ever saw.

699. You do not know what your share of each dinner was?—No, I do not.

700. Have you been in the habit of dining there in that way except during the election?—I have once or twice dined there.

701. Have you dined there without asking for a bill?—I have never asked for a bill till I was going to pay it.

702. Did you dine there on any former election?—I think I did; I think Lord George Hill asked me to dine there once with him.

703. During the election?—During the election.

704. Did you dine with Mr. Dobbs during the election?—Not during the election; I remember his asking me to dine with him once before the election.

705. How long before?—I suppose about ten days.

706. You did not pay for your dinner then, I suppose?—I did not, for he invited me.

707. You voted for him?—I did not; it is curious enough, I did not.

708. *Committee.*]—Did you vote at all?—I did.

709. For whom did you vote?—For Mr. Wills.

710. He was, in fact, in the same interest as the party whose cause you espoused?—It was the same interest.

711. *Mr. O'Hanlon.*]—Was there any other dinner party at Anderson's?—There were a great many people dining in the house.

712. Were they all in Mr. Dobbs's interest?—I do not know who the persons were.

713. Did you see any person there not in fact in Mr. Dobbs's interest?—I think I saw some of the persons employed for Sir Arthur Chichester in the house.

714. Dining there?—Yes, in other rooms; not in that same room; at least I saw a party in a room where there was a table-cloth laid; that is all I know.

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715. After making these calculations, did you at any time mention the subject of them to Mr. Dobbs?—I do not recollect that I did.

716. Did you never do so?—No; Mr. Dobbs was kept in perfect ignorance of what was going on; we just told him whether we thought things were going on well or ill; nothing more than that.

717. When you say he was kept in ignorance, do you mean to say you avoided mentioning it to him?—I did not consult him, but I told him whether things were looking well or ill.

718. Did you avoid mentioning things to him?—I did.

719. You avoided communicating to Mr. Dobbs?—Particularly.

720. Why?—Because I thought he had not any occasion to know what was going forward.

721. How do you mean?—I thought we were to return him, and I did not think it necessary to let him know what was going on.

722. What was the harm of it?—I do not know there was any harm in it.

723. Why did you refrain from mentioning it?—I was so busy that I had not time; that was my reason.

724. And so you mean to tell the Committee that your reason for not mentioning it was because you had not time?—No, I do not say so; but it so happened we did not.

725. Why did you avoid mentioning it?—I can give you no better answer than I have given; I did not think it necessary; if Mr. Dobbs could have done any good I should have gone and consulted him.

726. Did you apprehend any harm could result from it?—I cannot say I did.

727. Why did you not mention it?—Because I saw no necessity for it; if I had met you in the street I should not have consulted you about it.

728. You would not know whether I was in his interest or not?—I should not have mentioned it to you or any other person unless I thought he could have done any good.

729. Have you a great contempt for Mr. Dobbs's judgment?—Quite the contrary.

730. You considered the business an important business?—I did.

731. Why then did you not take the benefit of his judgment?—Because I thought he did not know much about conducting elections.

732. Then you had a contempt for his judgment in the matter of an election?—In the matter of an election, I think he knows very little about it.

733. Committee.]—In short, the business was done for him?—Yes.

734. Mr. O'Hanlon.]—Who did it for him?—His friends.

735. Name them?—The most active persons were those who formerly had composed Lord George Hill's committee.

736. Legg, Martin, yourself, and some others?—Yes, a great many others.

737. And was it with his consent that you conducted the election for him?—We told him we would do it if he would set up.

738. Was it with his assent that you conducted it for him?—Yes, it was.

739. Was there any doubt of the event of the election during the progress of it?—I never had any doubt.

740. You were quite sure of winning?—I was.

741. What was the majority?—Forty-eight.

742. And although there was only a majority of 48, you knew the borough so well that you had no doubt whatever?—Very little.

743. Did you ever hear any doubt expressed in Mr. Dobbs's presence of the event of the election?—I do not think I did.

744. Did you ever hear any declaration of the certainty of his return made in his presence?—I always said I was very certain of it.

745. Did you ever hear any other person say so to him?—I cannot recollect that I ever did.

746. Did you ever tell him things were looking ill for you?—I do not think I ever did.

747. Did you ever tell him you were disappointed in getting votes in any quarter?—I cannot recollect that I ever did.

748. Did you ever tell him you had been successful?—I cannot recollect that I did.

749. What do you mean, then, by telling the Committee that you told him whether things were going well or ill?—I do not know that I exactly told him so;

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I was always sure of his election; if they had been going ill, I would have told him so.

750. You told me just now, you told him whether things were going well or ill?—I do not remember ever telling him things were going ill.

751. Were you alone with him when you had these communications with him?—Most likely I was, but I cannot recollect it.

752. Did you ever talk in his presence with any persons or person about things going well or ill?—I think I might, but I cannot recollect any particular instance of it. I had very little occasion to communicate with him during the election. Mr. Dobbs generally sat in one of the booths in the Court-house.

753. Did you ever sup in Carrickfergus during the election?—I do not recollect ever supping there.

754. Did you ever drink any thing in the evening there, except at Anderson's?—I do not recollect doing so.

755. Now, you said you and Dr. Marton and Mr. Legg were the persons who conducted the election for Mr. Dobbs?—We were some of the persons.

756. Was William Graham one?—Yes, he was active.

757. Was James Wilson one?—Yes.

758. Paul Logan?—Yes, he was active too.

759. James Penny?—He was active also.

760. John Shane?—I do not think he was active at the election.

761. George McCann?—He was active at the election.

762. Robert Bailey?—And Robert Bailey was. I do not think he was so active as some of the others, but he was active. He did not make himself so conspicuous as some of the others; but he was active.

763. Committee?—You mean active for Mr. Dobbs?—I do.

764. Mr. O'Hanlon?—Now you say Bailey did not make himself so conspicuous as the others?—No; he is a poor man.

765. He is a man in a humbler rank of life than the rest?—He is a man in a humbler rank of life.

766. Now, as you conducted this election for Mr. Dobbs, who paid the ordinary expenses of the election?—I cannot tell.

767. Did either of these gentlemen, to your knowledge?—I know nothing whatever about it.

768. Do you know who paid the Sheriff?—I saw Mr. Legg hand over money to the Sheriff, and he was very near doing so for Sir Arthur Clanchester.

769. You voted for Mr. Wills, did you not?—I did.

770. At what period of the election was he proposed?—At the latter end of the election.

771. How long before the poll closed?—A very short time.

772. Was it five minutes?—More than that.

773. Was it 20 minutes?—I cannot say; I think it was.

774. Was it half an hour?—No.

775. Was any other person proposed?—Yes.

776. Who?—Sir Stephen May proposed himself.

777. Did you propose Mr. Wills?—I did not.

778. Who proposed him?—I think Mr. Chain, but I am not certain.

779. Were you there?—I was.

780. How came you not to know who did it?—Because the whole business was done in a great hurry.

781. Mr. Wills was proposed by those who were active for Mr. Dobbs?—He was.

782. Sir Stephen May proposed himself on the Donegal interest?—Yes.

783. Were any arrangements made for appointing poll clerks for Mr. Wills?—I did not see any.

784. Were there any appointed for Sir Stephen May?—I did not hear of any.

785. Was Mr. Wills or Sir Stephen May proposed first?—I think I heard Mr. Wills proposed first: there was a very great noise in the place; but as well as I can recollect, Sir Stephen May came into the gallery, and called out that he had been proposed and seconded in the small booth. He called that out in the Court, and the moment he did so, some person got up on our side and proposed Mr. Wills, and the moment he was proposed a great number of voters rushed upon the table, and said, "We demand to be polled for Mr. Wills."

786. Were those persons polled?—Several of them polled.

787. Did

787. Did you see any persons asking to be polled for Sir Stephen May?—*William Birrell*
I did not. *Esq.*
788. Did you yourself poll for Mr. Wills immediately?—Instantly.
789. And you were one of the persons who voted that way?—I was.
790. A sudden conversion of opinion?—We were prepared for it.
791. How long?—Some hours. We heard there was a trick of the sort, and we thought we would be prepared to meet it, if it was attempted.
792. Now do you say you do not know of the existence of a committee, have you heard of any committee going by the name of the general committee?—Never.
793. Or of a head committee?—I never heard of a head committee.
794. Nor of a sub-committee?—Nor of a sub-committee.
795. Nor of a visiting committee?—Never; unless you call the local committees sub-committees, I never heard of any.
796. Was there any reference made to you and the other gentlemen who conducted the election for Mr. Dobbs, and who formed Lord Georges' committee, as to the appointment?—No.
797. You do not know how many there were of them?—I do not.
798. Were there placards upon these local committee rooms?—I never saw any.
799. Do you know who put up the placard in Mr. Dobbs's lodging?—I do not.
800. It was not against your will it was put up?—Certainly not.
801. Who put it up?—I do not know what the object of it is. I know usually there is some room of the sort, and it was put up for that I suppose.
802. Have you Mr. Legg's letters?—I have not a letter of Mr. Legg's.
803. Why not?—Because I never kept a letter of his.
804. Why?—I lost them.
805. Was it for the same reason that you avoided telling Mr. Dobbs about the election?—It was not.
806. It was not because you had not heard?—It was mere negligence and neglect.
807. *Committee.*]—Did you get letters from him?—One or two, but not more I am sure.
808. *Mr. O'Hanlon.*]—And you destroyed them?—I have lost them, I never went actually to burn them.
809. *Committee.*]—Were you served with the Speaker's order to produce them?—Yes; all letters relating to the election.
810. If you had them you would produce them?—Yes, if I had had them, I would have produced them, certainly.
811. *Mr. O'Hanlon.*]—Have you destroyed any letters connected with the business of this election, since you received the order?—None.
812. Have you searched for them?—Yes.
813. Have you any paper connected with the election?—I looked for them, I did not find them.
814. On Saturday you produced a number of papers, besides those letters I asked you for?—I did.
815. What are they?—There is one letter from Lord George Hill.
816. Tell me what they are?—That is the only one.
817. Is that about the election?—I believe there is something about it in it.
818. Have you any other letters?—I have no others.
819. Have you had any conversation with any person who voted at the last election, as to his having been bribed to vote?—No, I have not.
820. Do you know a man named Matthew Carrie?—I do.
821. Where does he live?—He lives in Carrickfergus, in the Irish quarter.
822. Whose property is that?—I do not know whose it is; it belongs to different people, I believe.
823. Do you know his landlord?—I do not.
824. Do you know for whom he voted?—I have heard, but I did not see him vote.
825. Did you canvass him?—No.
826. Or Thomas Penny?—I do not remember canvassing him.
827. Do you know the man?—I know several persons named Penny.
828. Do you know Alexander Stuart?—I do not recollect that I do.
829. Do you know a man named John Wallis?—I do, but do not recollect his christian name.

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830. Did you canvass him?—I was present when a man named Wallis was canvassed.

831. Where does he live?—In the Irish quarter.

832. Who canvassed him?—I cannot recollect.

833. William M'Dermid?—I know him.

834. Did you canvass him?—I cannot recollect.

835. Do you know a man named John Harper?—I do, but do not know his christian name.

836. Do you know a man of the name of Haggan?—I do.

837. Did you canvass him?—I do not recollect.

838. Do you know a pawnbroker named Reid?—Yes, I do.

839. Do you know anything of a clock pawned with him?—I have heard of it.

840. Have you had any conversation with Mr. Dobbs respecting that clock?—No.

841. Do you know Mr. Dalway, the Sheriff?—I do.

842. Did you see him canvassing?—When Mr. Dobbs went there first, I did.

843. *Committee.*—When was that?—When Mr. Dobbs first declared himself a candidate.

844. Canvassing for Mr. Dobbs?—For Mr. Dobbs.

845. Was he then Sheriff?—He was.

846. *Mr. O'Hanlon.*—Do you know a house kept by a man named Mearns, or by Mrs. Mearns?—I know a house she lives in.

847. Where does she live?—In a place called the Nine Score Acres.

848. Is that outside the town?—It is.

849. Were you there on any occasion during the election?—I think I was. No, not during the election, but before it.

850. How long before it?—Ten days before the election, and better.

851. What time of day were you there?—I cannot recollect now.

852. Morning or evening?—I do not know; I cannot recollect. I think it was some time in the middle of the day, but I cannot recollect.

853. Do you recollect being in the house of a man named Montgomery, in the Irish quarter during the election, or a woman of that name?—I cannot recollect it; I think it very likely.

854. *Committee.*—Do you know such a person?—Yes.

855. What is he?—A publican and a carman; he has several occupations; he has a ship and imports salt, and he does a variety of things.

856. *Mr. O'Hanlon.*—Who was with you there?—I cannot recollect for I do not recollect being there; I think it very likely I was there, but I do not recollect it; it is a house I very often go to.

857. Do you know a man named Pat M'Gooken?—I know a man named Paddy M'Gooken.

858. Did M'Gooken take any part in the registry?—I do not recollect, but I think it very likely he did, for he is a man very likely to do so.

859. *Committee.*—What business is he?—A nallor.

860. *Mr. O'Hanlon.*—Do you recollect assisting him on any occasion in canvassing?—I remember that he was one of the party going out to canvass; sometimes when they were going about the houses in the Irish quarter he was one of the party; I remember that perfectly well.

861. Upon any of those occasions did you canvass any of the persons whose freedoms had been paid for by the Donegal family?—I do not, for I do not know who were paid for by the Donegal family.

[Some evidence was here given, which being objected to by the Counsel for the sitting Member, was struck out by order of the Committee.]

862. Did you yourself repay any freeman the amount of his admission?—I do not recollect it.

863. Will you say you did not?—I will not say so, but I do not think I did; I do not recollect any instance of it, but in the hurry of an election I might have paid money for freemen's admission, but I do not recollect it.

864. Did you repay any freemen who had been already admitted?—I do not recollect that I ever gave money to any person for that purpose.

865. Did Mr. Legg do so to your knowledge?—He might have done so.

866. He might have done so without your recollecting it, in your presence?—He might.

867. Do

867. Do you know whether that man, who was a party to that conversation which has been expunged from the notes, actually voted?—No, only from that which he told me.

868. Do you know the fact of any man who did vote being repaid his admission money?—I do not know it myself, I have heard it.

869. Were there any persons, tenants of Lord Donegal, who voted for Sir Arthur Chichester at that election?—There were what they call free house and potatoemen.

870. What is the meaning of that?—There is a great part of Lord Donegal's property about Carrickfergus which is divided out into lots, and houses are given to freemen with a lot of potatoe ground.

871. *Committee.*—Without a lease?—I know by reputation, but I do not know of my own knowledge.

872. Do you know of any of those persons voting against Sir Arthur Chichester?—I have heard of it.

873. Do you doubt it?—No, because I have heard it often and often.

874. Do you know of any persons who were tenants of Dr. Duncan, voting against Sir Arthur Chichester?—I have heard so, but I do not know it.

875. Was there any general arrangement made by you and the other gentlemen for repaying the admissions of persons in the former interest?—No, certainly not that I know of.

876. Do you know to what purpose any of the money was applied, which was in Mr. Legg's hands, when he came down stairs, on the occasion to which you have alluded?—I do not.

877. When he opened the letter did he say to what purpose the money was to be applied?—No, he did not.

878. Did he make use of any expression to intimate the purpose for which it was to be employed?—I do not recollect.

879. Was that money, money that was got for the election?—Certainly; I suppose it was.

Mr. Andrews objected to the evidence.

Objection allowed.

880. Was Mr. Dobbs present?—No, he was not.

881. *Committee.*—It was in the private room in Mr. Dobbs's lodgings?—In the room that was more private than the other.

882. The room you have called the private room?—Yes.

883. Mr. Andrews.]—When that money was produced?—Yes.

884. Mr. O'Houlton.]—What money?—I supposed it to be from the Conservative Society.

Cross examined by Mr. Andrews.

885. You saw some money?—Yes.

886. Of your own knowledge you do not know where it came from?—Only from what I was told.

887. Now you have been asked about Mr. Dalway, the Sheriff, canvassing; do you recollect whether the time he canvassed was before or after the dissolution?—Before the dissolution.

888. You have been asked about some letters which you received from Legg, which you have not, there were one or two you say?—There were one or two.

889. You are quite sure you did not destroy those letters?—Certainly I did not.

890. In point of fact you have searched for them and they are lost?—I did.

891. You took no particular care of them?—I took no particular care of them.

892. Now I believe the polling had been very slack on the Tuesday, had it not?—Yes, the latter part of Tuesday.

893. Did they stop polling during part of Tuesday?—Yes, I think they did.

894. And was the polling slack also on the Wednesday?—Yes.

895. Mr. Wills was put up after Sir Stephen May had been put up in the other booth?—Yes.

896. Now you have been asked with respect to your confidence of success, though the majority was only 48, were there not 70 or 80 persons who remained unpollled?—There were a great many, I cannot say how many; we were afraid to poll them.

897. *Committee.*—Why were you afraid to poll them?—We heard there was

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going to be a trick played, and a second candidate proposed, and they were kept in reserve for that.

898. You have been asked about a conversation you had with Mr. Dobbs, at Lisburne, do you recollect whether that was before the registry had begun or not?—It was.

899. I believe it was then that you proposed to him to come forward, and told him that he would have the interest of the Marquis of Downshire?—I wrote to him before, but that was the first conversation I had with him on the subject.

900. I believe on that occasion it was distinctly understood that Mr. Dobbs was not to come forward on the Marquis of Downshire's politics?—Certainly.

901. This was chiefly an opposition to the family of Donegal?—Entirely on our part.

902. That was your object in stating a candidate to oppose Sir Arthur Chichester?—It was.

903. It was distinctly understood Mr. Dobbs did not come forward on the Marquis's politics?—It was.

904. Your object was to keep the borough free from the influence of the Donegal family?—It was entirely. We thought the influence the Donegal family exerted there was very injurious to the place.

905. *Committee.*—And the gentlemen in the Donegal interest thought the same, I suppose, with respect to the interest of the Downshire family?—The Downshire family never had any interest in the corporation; that is, the assembly.

906. *Mr. Andrews.*—I believe it was not the two families opposed to each other, but it was the independent electors of the town against the Donegal family?—It was.

907. You and the other gentlemen were acting in the independent interest?—We were; we considered the corporation interest the independent interest.

908. Now in that conversation which you had with Mr. Dobbs, at Lisburne, he did not then determine to stand, I believe; he took time to consider of it, did he not?—It was not positively fixed that he would stand at all then.

909. Do you not recollect he then expressed to you, at that very conversation, a wish that you should find some one else?—He did.

910. Now, Sir, I ask you whether it was not three or four weeks after that time that he finally determined to stand?—It was not a long time; the whole business was not a long time.

911. But there would be an interval of two months between your going to Lisburne, and the time of the election?—Yes.

912. Was not there an interval of some weeks before he finally determined to stand?—I cannot say the time, but there was some time.

913. In the interval between the time of your going to Lisburne and Mr. Dobbs's coming forward, the registry was going on, was it not?—It was, but Mr. Dobbs had determined to stand before the registry was finished, or before it was commenced even.

914. Was it not in the course of that same conversation distinctly understood that Mr. Dobbs would be at no expense whatever; that he was altogether against the system of spending money to secure his return?—

Mr. O'Hanlon objected to the Counsel for the sitting Member putting leading questions to the Witness, on the ground that he was adverse to the interest of the Petitioner.

The Committee determined that as the Counsel for the Petitioner had been allowed to put leading questions, the Counsel for the sitting Member should also be allowed to pursue the same course.

915. *Committee.*—He totally objected to spending his own money?—He did.

916. Any other money that was spent was to come from some public body?—Wherever we chose to get it.

917. Did not Mr. Dobbs not only express his determination not to spend his own money, but his disinclination that any money should be spent improperly for the purposes of the election?—He did.

918. Did he not tell you those were the principles upon which he should stand if he came forward?—He did.

919. Now you say there was a committee room at the house in which Mr. Dobbs was lodging, and there was a placard up; do you not know that Mr. Dobbs would

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not pay for it in any way, or make himself answerable for it?—I know when the bill was sent in for it he refused to pay it.

920. *Committee.*—You confine that answer to the public room?—Yes.

921. *Mr. Andrews.*—Mr. Dobbs, of course, did not object to pay for his own lodging?—No, he would pay for his own lodgings.

922. Now this room was public to any person who took any interest in the election?—Every person; I have seen persons belonging to Sir Arthur Chichester in the room.

923. Mr. Dobbs, I think you told us, was not acquainted with Carrickfergus before?—Not intimately, I should think; the last answer I gave I should wish to qualify. I saw one person, I said *persons*, before.

924. Was it open to all persons who were siding with Mr. Dobbs?—It was.

925. They came and went as they thought proper?—As they pleased.

926. I suppose, to make any communications to persons who might be there, or to ascertain how the election was going on?—It was open to them; I saw numbers of them sitting there.

927. There were four or five gentlemen, I think you said, first applied to Mr. Dobbs?—Four.

928. Mr. Legg was one of those four?—He was.

929. Did you and Mr. Legg, and the other two gentlemen, consult together about bringing forward Mr. Dobbs?—We did.

930. Was it the joint resolution of the four that Mr. Dobbs should be applied to?—It was.

931. Did you all of you resolve to employ yourselves, and to act as far as you could to further the interest of Mr. Dobbs?—We did.

932. And did you accordingly act in that way throughout the election?—Certainly.

933. You and Mr. Legg, and the other two gentlemen, all acting equally?—Yes.

934. Were you ever employed by Mr. Dobbs as his agent at all?—Never.

935. You were asked about the inn; I think Anderson's. You say you saw dining at that inn several persons, and among others Mr. Barney, Mr. Gwynne, and Mr. Reid, and another gentleman whose name you do not know, an attorney from Larne?—Yes.

936. They were there constantly?—The attorneys were there constantly.

937. You mention that you and Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Riley, and Mr. Legg, were there occasionally; am I to understand that was so?—It was; Mr. Riley was there every time I was there. I suppose he was there constantly.

938. Now you made a calculation of the returns from time to time, and of the chances of the election?—I did.

939. Did you shew it to any person taking an interest in the election?—I did.

940. Do you recollect a person named M'Skimmer dining at that house?—Yes, I think I do; at any rate I saw him once in the evening.

941. He did not vote for Mr. Dobbs, I believe, but voted on the other side?—He did not vote at all, I believe, but he was adverse to Mr. Dobbs, I believe, during the election: at the latter end of it he rather softened a little, and came round again, but he never was firmly a friend of Mr. Dobbs, I am certain, and I am sure he never would have voted for him.

942. Do you know who it was who made the first application to Mr. Dobbs?—It was I who wrote to him first.

943. During the whole progress of the election, was it carried on by you and the other persons acting with you, Mr. Legg among others?—It was.

944. Were all the steps that were taken, taken by you consulting together?—No, some of them were taken of ourselves, or when we met one another, we would say such a thing we think fit to be done, and many steps were taken by each of us without any consultation.

945. You acted on your own responsibility?—Certainly.

946. You and Mr. Legg, and Dr. Marton, and the other gentlemen, had been long resident at Carrickfergus?—Yes.

947. You have been present at former elections?—Yes.

948. And have taken an active part in them?—Yes, I have.

949. You were well acquainted with the freemen and voters of the town?—Yes.

950. Now, what part did Mr. Legg take during the election; was he employed in the streets, getting in voters?—Principally in the streets.

951. Did you prepare the poll-books, any of them?—No, I did not.

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952. Now these committees we have heard of were merely district committees, were they?—Yes.
953. No one had control over the rest, had they?—No, I can hardly tell what they were established for, nor do I know many of their acts.
954. When the people went up into this room of Mr. Dobbs's, that was while the election was going on, was it not?—Yes, it was.
955. The room below, I suppose, in the progress of the election, became very much crowded with people?—Very crowded.
956. And some of the more respectable voters then went up stairs?—Yes.
957. Did any persons of that class go up stairs without interruption?—Yes.
958. It was merely for the convenience of those persons who were taking an active part in Mr. Dobbs's election?—Just so.

Re-examined by Mr. O'Hanlon.

959. Who was the one person in the interest of Sir Arthur Clivechester you saw?—A man named Hart.
960. What is Hart?—I do not know.
961. What brought him in?—He came in pretending he wanted something.
962. Did he stay long?—No.
963. Did you turn him out?—No.
964. Who was the first person who spoke to Mr. Dobbs about the expenses of the election?—I cannot tell who was the first person; it was some of us.
965. Some of you spoke about the expenses of the election?—Yes.
966. Will you swear positively that Mr. Dobbs said he was against all the system of spending money?—Against spending money illegally.
967. Those very words?—Words to that effect.
968. Against spending money by himself or any other person?—All illegal spending of money.
969. Did he use the word illegal?—Yes.
970. Will you swear that?—I will, certainly.
971. That he said he was against all illegal spending of money?—He did say so.
972. Did Mr. Dobbs refuse to furnish money for the legal expenses of the election?—He did.
973. Who were the persons present at that conversation who applied to him?—No person applied to him for money.
974. You say, at this conversation somebody applied to him for money?—No, he said he would stand for the place, and would represent it, and would spend no money on it; and some one made the observation, that perhaps they should get money from the Conservative Society.
975. What did Mr. Dobbs say to that?—He said he had no objection to that.
976. Who brought M'Skinner to dine with you?—I do not recollect; now I do recollect, Dr. Marton brought him there.
977. Who were the four persons who asked Mr. Dobbs to stand for the borough?—Mr. Legg, Dr. Marton, Sir John Holmes, and myself.
978. Was it by means of you and these three gentlemen that Mr. Dobbs was returned?—Certainly we were his friends; there were others engaged in it as well as we.
979. But you four were the most active persons?—There were others fully as active.
980. How do you know that Mr. Dobbs objected to pay for the room below?—Because Mr. Dobbs asked me to get the bill of his lodging, and to send it to him.
981. Did you get that bill?—The man gave me the bill; I was writing to Mr. Dobbs. I met the man in the street.
982. Whom do you mean by the man?—Mr. Paul. I said I was just writing to Mr. Dobbs, and I asked him for the bill, and I put it into the letter and sent it to him, and Mr. Dobbs returned it to me, I think, by return of post, and said he would not pay for that room.
983. Committee.]—Is the letter in existence?—No, Sir, it is not. He returned the bill to me, and I went back to Mr. Paul, and told him Mr. Dobbs would not pay for the committee room.
984. Mr. O'Hanlon.]—What did Mr. Dobbs's letter say?—That he would not pay any thing for the committee room.
985. Then it was charged as a committee room?—It was.

986. Did

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986. Did Mr. Dobbs return you the bill?—Yes.
987. Is that bill in existence?—No, I think I gave it back to Mr. Paul; I gave him the bill back, and said, "Mr. Dobbs objects to pay for it, but I will bring you down his letter, and read it to you." I then determined to do that, and when I went home I found the letter was lost, and then the business dropped.
988. And are the lodgings not paid for?—Not paid for yet.
989. And who is to pay for the committee room?—I do not know.
990. Will you pay?—If I am liable.
991. What do you mean by liable—liable in point of law?—Certainly.
992. Will you swear you will not pay for it unless you are liable in point of law?—I will not swear that.
993. Do you not consider you and the other gentlemen are liable?—Very likely, in honour.
994. Was there a separate charge for this room?—Yes.
995. Beginning when?—From the time it was a committee room.
996. Till the time Mr. Dobbs ceased to occupy it himself?—Yes.
997. And a separate charge for the room up-stairs?—Yes.
998. Was it called the committee room?—Yes, it was called a committee room.
999. Who prepared the poll-books?—The clerks prepared them.
1000. Committee.]—Do you know any of Mr. Legg's clerks?—Yes, I do, one.
1001. Was that clerk employed in preparing the poll-books?—I do not know.
1002. Did Mr. Dobbs transmit his address to you?—No, I wrote to him to do so.

Examined by the Committee.

1003. Do you know whether the Sheriff, Mr. Dalway, canvassed the electors after the nomination of the candidates?—To my knowledge, so far as I know, he did not; I have every reason to believe he did not.
1004. Did he canvass after Mr. Dobbs declared himself a candidate?—In the first instance he did, but that was before the dissolution of Parliament, that I know; but I know this, that some considerable period before the writs arrived, indeed before the dissolution of Parliament, it was agreed between Mr. Dalway and Mr. Dobbs that they should separate, and that Mr. Dalway should have no more to do with it: I was present at that myself.
1005. How often have you seen Mr. Dobbs and the Sheriff together canvassing?—Four or five times I should think.
1006. Were those all before the dissolution of Parliament, or at what periods?—Before the dissolution of Parliament.
1007. The whole of the times?—Yes.
1008. You have said, we could put in nomination whoever we pleased; who did you mean by the word "we"?—I do not recollect saying that.
1009. That is a part of your evidence; you were talking of putting up a candidate, and when you put up Mr. Dobbs you put up who you pleased?—That the Downshire family had nothing to say to what candidate we proposed; their agreement was that they were to put their interest at our disposal.
1010. What do you mean by the term "we"?—The persons to whom Lord Downshire had transferred his interest.
1011. When was the conversation you have spoken to as having taken place at Lisburne?—I think it was early in February.
1012. The election must have taken place in January?—It was in October I mean; I beg your pardon, I was mistaken.
1013. It was before the dissolution?—Oh! yes, a considerable time.
1014. Had you written and arranged with Mr. Dobbs to come forward before the dissolution of Parliament?—Yes.
1015. Do you know of your own knowledge of Mr. Dalway interfering after the dissolution of Parliament?—I believe he did not, so far as I can judge from all the circumstances.
1016. You say that you, Mr. Legg and the other gentlemen whom you have named carried on the whole business of the election; was it a part of your business to form committees, to manage it in the different districts?—No, it was no part of my duty.
1017. As to that letter from Mr. Duncan of which you have spoken, how long is it since you have seen that letter?—I cannot say; I do not recollect ever seeing it since I received it, or some few days afterwards.

William Barley,
Esq.

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1018. It came in an enclosure, did it not?—Yes.

1019. And in that enclosure there was something written by Mr. Dobbs about keeping Mr. Duncan's letter to yourself?—Yes.

1020. Do you mean to say, that with that notice about the letter you do not know what became of it?—I do.

1021. Did you burn it?—I did not.

1022. Did you leave it about?—Yes.

1023. So that any person might have access to it?—Yes.

1024. And you have never seen it since?—I might have had it for a few days, probably I might have shown it to some persons.

1025. Do you remember whether you gave it up to anybody?—No, I do not.

Mr. Andrews said he had no objection to the Witness stating what were the contents of the letter.

Witness.]—It merely relates to a private family transaction, that had nothing to say to the election.

1026. Committee.]—Did you give the other part of that letter of Mr. Dobbs to him?—Yes.

1027. In the corporation of Carrickfergus are the rights of birth, marriage and service recognized?—They are.

1028. Are any persons admitted by grace especial?—I believe they were formerly.

1029. At the former election Mr. Legg was the attorney for Lord George Hill?—He was.

1030. And acted as such?—He did.

1031. Apparently as a paid agent?—Yes, he had a party there and exercised his influence over it; but he acted as Lord Downshire's agent in the election.

1032. In his professional capacity?—In his professional capacity.

1033. Then at the election of Lord George Hill you were one of the committee?—I was.

1034. And a transfer of his interest was, as I understand you, made to the former committee?—It was.

1035. That committee consisting of a great number, with four or five influential persons who regulated the rest?—Yes.

1036. You and Mr. Legg were two of those influential persons?—Certainly.

1037. Then the right was given to the whole committee, and exercised by those influential persons in order to bring in Mr. Dobbs?—Just so.

1038. In fact you acted through the election for Mr. Dobbs, precisely as you would have done for Lord George Hill, if he had been the candidate; I mean you showed as much zeal?—We showed as much zeal or more; I know I did, because I thought myself more personally interested in it.

1039. Having taken upon you the responsibility of nominating the candidate, you felt more bound in honour to exert yourself?—Yes.

1040. And that was the feeling of the rest of the committee?—Yes, of the former committee.

1041. If you had not acted thus, it would have been necessary for Mr. Dobbs to have had a committee of his own?—Yes.

1042. And that necessity was of course superseded by your acting for him in this way?—It was.

1043. Then you do not mean to say it was Mr. Dobbs who appointed the local committees?—Mr. Dobbs I am sure knew nothing about them.

1044. In short Mr. Dobbs left the election to you?—Entirely.

1045. He paid no money and was to expend no money?—Exactly.

1046. He was not to act himself at all?—Exactly.

1047. And all those active agents who were engaged about the election were this body derived from you?—Exactly.

1048. Was the transfer of the interest not to the committee but to the party who supported Lord George Hill?—The transfer of the interest was to those persons who had been so active in returning Lord George Hill; in fact, to the persons who had formed Lord George Hill's committee.

1049. This was a sort of battle in the town between the two noble families of Donegal and Downshire?—It was at one time; at the time of Lord George's election.

1050. You stood in the situation of a person appointed to fight for the Downshire family?—No, I do not consider that at all.

1051. There

1051. There was a party against the corporation?—Yes.

1052. Did Mr. Dobbs say he would not come forward on the Downshire influence?—He said distinctly he was not to be bound by the politics of the Downshire family.

William Bishop,
Esq.

1 April 1833.

Sir George Rick called in; and having been sworn; was Examined by
Mr. O'Hanlon, as follows.

1053. DO you know of the existence of a society in Dublin, called the Conservative Society?—Certainly.

Sir
George Rick.

1054. Do you hold any office in that body?—I do.

1055. What is it?—Treasurer.

1056. You have been served with a notice to produce any correspondence you may have with Conway Richard Dobbs, Esq., David Legg, and the Rev. John Shaw, with reference to the last election?—I was.

1057. Have you brought those letters with you?—I have not.

1058. Why not?—The committee refused to let me have them.

1059. What committee?—I have nothing in my charge particularly, they belong to the society, and I have no power over the papers at all.

1060. The committee refused to allow you to obey the Speaker's warrant?—When I asked for the papers, for any correspondence, they led me to suppose I should have them, and I waited till the last moment of the day I left Dublin, and they had told me they should be sent after me, and they are not arrived.

1061. Who are the members of this committee?—I could name a good many of them, but certainly not all; there are 21.

1062. Who are the persons who gave you that answer?—Mr. Boyton was one; Mr. Mayne was present.

1063. Is he a member of the committee?—He is.

1064. What is Mr. Main?—He is a member of the committee.

1065. *Committee.*—What is he by profession?—I believe he is of no profession; he is an independent gentleman.

1066. *Mr. O'Hanlon.*—Anybody besides Mr. Boyton and Mr. Main?—The day I left Dublin there were not; that was one of the reasons given for my not taking books and papers at that time, that a quorum of the committee were not sitting.

1067. Were the books and papers there?—They are in the society's room.

1068. In the committee room?—Not in the committee room; there are several rooms; some in the book-keeper's room and some in the committee room.

1069. Could you have taken those papers if you had thought yourself justified as a member of the society?—I could not take any paper, or even the books I have the charge of, without the consent of the committee.

1070. Let me understand what the difficulty is; is it from your duty to the society?—From my duty to the society; all the books belong to the society.

1071. And the correspondence belongs also to the society?—Yes.

1072. And do you conceive yourself under the orders of the society so far as that you cannot take the books and papers without their permission?—Yes.

1073. *Committee.*—You kept those books as treasurer?—Yes, the book-keeper keeps the books.

1074. For you as treasurer?—For the society.

1075. You being the treasurer?—I being treasurer.

1076. They contained treasurer's accounts?—Yes.

1077. You were responsible if false entries were made?—I should feel myself so.

1078. Had you the correspondence alluded to; was any letter written and sent by you, and their answer directed to you?—I do not think there was a single letter addressed to me, nor did I answer any letter; I wrote no letter relating to the Carrickfergus committee.

1079. Were those letters documents or vouchers, to vouch any part of your acts as treasurer?—The only voucher I have is the draft book, in which was entered the sum of money sent to the Conservative committee of Carrickfergus, for the Carrickfergus election.

1080. Who do you call the Conservative committee of Carrickfergus?—Letters are generally opened by the secretary of that body.

1081. You sent some?—Yes.

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1082. You

Sir
George Rich.
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1082. You got a letter in reply I presume, acknowledging the receipt?—A letter was sent but not addressed to me, I did not open it.

1083. Mr. O'Hanlon.]—There must be a voucher in the treasurer's account?—There is undoubtedly.

1084. And have you any doubt that letter is in existence?—I am sure it is preserved.

1085. Mr. Andrews.]—Are the letters in your custody?—No.

1086. Do you keep the letters at all?—No.

1087. Are the letters in your charge?—No.

1088. Committee.]—But you are one of a committee in whose charge they are?—Yes, *ex officio* as treasurer.

1089. Mr. O'Hanlon.]—And the acts are your own acts?—Yes.

1090. Committee.]—When did you leave Dublin?—On Thursday.

1091. Then there is plenty of time?—Nobody could have felt more mortification than myself; I regretted coming extremely.

1092. Have you had any communication to say they were not coming?—No, Sir, I have not.

1093. Have you the order you received?—No, I have it in town.

1094. When did you receive it?—The Friday preceding my leaving Dublin.

1095. You were there till Friday from the preceding Thursday?—Yes.

1096. How soon did you communicate that you were to have these things?—That day or the day after.

1097. How soon afterwards were you first told there was any objection to giving you those documents?—I was always led to suppose I should be allowed to bring them, and I was greatly disappointed when I had them not; I am quite sure I could answer every thing relating to it; it is quite against my wish and inclination that they are withheld.

1098. How often have you had intercourse with the committee on the subject of these books?—Two or three times.

1099. And on each of those occasions was it held out that you should have the books?—I was given to understand I should, and even the evening before I left I wrote to the book-keeper for the books.

1100. Mr. O'Hanlon.]—Was there any meeting of the committee called after you received the order?—Finding the books were not given to me the day before I left Dublin, I requested the committee might be summoned, and an hour and a half before I left Dublin they had not arrived.

1101. Had there been no previous meeting of the committee summoned?—There is always a meeting of the committee on Monday.

1102. Did you attend that meeting on Monday?—I did not; I was particularly anxious to avoid attending on Monday; I merely made my application and read the summons.

1103. You went away after you had read the summons?—Yes, I did.

1104. Then the committee met on Monday?—Yes.

1105. How soon after that was any announcement made to you?—I was given to understand there would be no objection whatever to the production of the books; I received no special communication from them respecting them, and it was not till Thursday when I went to demand the books that I found they had come to no decision, and that there was not a quorum of the committee to give me the books.

1106. On Friday you received the order, and on Saturday you communicated it?—I am not quite sure, but I am certain the day after I received the notice I communicated it.

1107. And on Monday the committee met?—Yes.

1108. Was it by writing that you communicated it on Saturday?—No, by attending myself and reading the summons.

1109. On Saturday there was a meeting?—Not a full meeting; and I read the summons to them.

1110. On Monday there was a regular meeting?—There was.

1111. You attended that meeting?—I did.

1112. You read the order?—I read or stated it.

1113. Then you retired while they deliberated?—I did.

1114. And you thought you should have them?—I was told they would be ready for me.

1115. And you continued under that impression till Thursday?—I did.

1116. Was there any meeting from Monday to Thursday?—On Tuesday.

1117. Did

1117. Did you attend that meeting?—No; it was a public meeting of the society.

1118. Was there any resolution passed at that public meeting about these books?—There was; I read the summons at the meeting, and it was decided in the meeting that it would be better to take some opinion.

1119. And was any opinion taken?—There was.

1120. The opinion of some counsel?—There was.

1121. Whose opinion was taken?—Mr. Saurey's.

1122. Was that opinion taken professionally with a fee?—No.

1123. What opinion was given?—That he thought there could be no objection whatever to the books being opened.

1124. Did anything occur on Wednesday?—It was on Wednesday that the opinion was taken.

1125. Was there a meeting of the committee on Wednesday?—No.

1126. Then on Thursday you went for the books?—I went for the books, but I could not have them, there not being a quorum; I beg to say that even the book-keeper is not appointed by me, he is the servant of the society.

1127. Mr. O'Hanlon?—You have access to the books?—I have always access.

1128. And you could have taken the books if you wished to obey the orders of the House?—No, I cannot even take my own books without the order of the committee.

1129. Not without the leave of the committee?—Not without the leave of the committee.

1130. Committee.]—Was the meeting on Thursday appointed for handing you the books or expressing any opinion with respect to them?—It was not the usual committee day, and I requested the committee might be appointed to meet on that day, as I should proceed to London.

1131. Upon that only two attended?—Only two.

1132. And they declined giving you the books?—They declined giving them, there not being a quorum; but they both said they should be sent to me.

1133. That meeting was called in compliance with your request?—I am quite sure I requested that it might be called.

1134. Who met on the Monday?—Upon my word I cannot recollect who met on the Monday.

1135. Do you recollect any of them?—I think Mr. Boyton was there, and Mr. Mayne was also there, and Mr. Lambert, I believe, was there also.

1136. Any body else?—There were eight or ten of them; but upon my word I was merely in the room for two or three minutes; and in a place I was so frequently in the habit of going to I did not make any great observation as to who was present.

1137. Who were there on Tuesday?—That was a general meeting of the society; I suppose from 150 to 200.

1138. Who was in the chair?—I believe Mr. Plunkett.

1139. What Mr. Plunkett?—The Honorable Randall Plunkett; he is Lord Dunsane's son; Tuesday week is the day I was speaking of, last Tuesday I was in London.

1140. Then it was last Thursday week you left Dublin?—Yes; I was summoned to attend here last Thursday.

1141. Then ten days have elapsed since you left Dublin?—Yes.

1142. And the books have not come?—No.

The Committee directed the Witness to go for the Speaker's order.

The committee room was cleared.

The Committee determined to enforce the Speaker's order that the books should be produced.

The counsel and parties were again called in, and informed of the determination of the Committee.

Mr. Francis Daniel Flaherty, called in; and having been sworn; was Examined by Mr. Pollock, as follows.

1143. I BELIEVE you are editor of the Northern Whig newspaper?—I am proprietor, and one of the conductors of that paper.

1144. You live at Belfast?—I do.

1145. Your paper is published at Belfast, of course?—At Belfast.

1146. Do

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Mr.
F. D. Flaherty.

Mr.
F. D. Blakey.
1 April 1832.

1146. Do you produce any orders for advertisements respecting the candidature of Mr. Dobbs?—Upon receiving the summons of the House of Commons, I looked over all the manuscripts that I had, and in the hurry of election business, I did not preserve all, but I will produce such as I have.

1147. Produce such as relate to the election; produce any that are in the hand-writing of Mr. Dobbs?—You must perceive the delicacy of the proprietor of a public journal exposing manuscripts in his possession, for a public purpose.

The Committee determined to compel the production of the papers.

1148. Was there not an address published in your newspaper, bearing the printed signature of Mr. Dobbs?—Yes.

1149. Now will you produce the original letter or order, in consequence of which you inserted that address?—I will.

[*The Witness produced a written paper.*]

1150. Have you also got the newspaper?—I have.

1151. Will you point out the advertisement now in the newspaper?—Here is the first.

[*The Witness produced a newspaper.*]

1152. Now give us the manuscript in pursuance of which you inserted that advertisement?—In the printing office they were torn.

[*The Witness produced a paper.*]

1153. Did you receive both these together?—I received those three sheets of paper which I put into your possession; those two were inclosures in that the counsel has in his hand beyond you.

1154. One bears the signature of Mr. Dobbs, and the other that of Lord Hill?—Yes.

1155. These appear to have been copied by the same hand. Do you know Mr. Legg?—Yes.

1156. And do you know his hand-writing?—I never saw him write.

1157. Do you know his hand-writing?—I never saw him write.

1158. Do you know his hand-writing; can you form any judgment of his hand-writing when you see it?—I should like to understand whether I am to give my belief as to the writing. I never saw him write.

1159. Did you ever correspond with him?—I think I have; I am sure I have corresponded with him.

1160. Have you answered his letters, and received answers to letters of yours?—I do not know that I have answered his letters, except by executing his commissions.

1161. When you have corresponded with him, have you been paid for the execution of those orders which you received, supposing them to have come from him?—I have.

1162. By that correspondence, you acquired a knowledge, I take it for granted, of the character of his hand-writing?—I have.

1163. Look at that letter, and tell me whether you believe it to be in his hand-writing?—[*A paper was shown to the Witness.*]—I believe it to be in his hand-writing, though I never saw him write.

1164. You inserted I perceive, both those in your paper?—I did.

1165. And they follow one another?—They do.

1166. How often were they inserted in the paper?—They were inserted till the election took place in Carrickfergus, but I do not know how many times; though I can tell you by reference to another document.—[*The Witness referred to a paper.*]—They were inserted twelve times, that I can tell by an extract from my ledger.

1167. Between the 8th of November, and the election?—Yes; the first insertion was on the 8th of November.

1168. On the back of this there is "200 copies," and on the back of the other 300; were they printed in the form of a separate address?—They were printed in the form of a separate address, as well as in the newspaper.

1169. Two hundred copies of one of them, and 300 of the other?—Yes.

1170. Committee.)—As placards?—Yes; in the usual way.

1171. Now have you charged the expenses of that to Mr. Legg?—I have.

1172. Have you been paid?—I have not; I have received money on account.

1173. From whom?—My clerk received money from Mr. Legg.

1174. For

1174. For inserting these advertisements, and printing this address?—For the account generally for the election of Carrickfergus.

1175. On the part of Mr. Dobbs?—Mr. Legg was the person who employed me.

1176. And on the part of Mr. Dobbs?—It was for work executed by me for Mr. Dobbs's election, but Mr. Dobbs is a person with whom I am not acquainted, I do not even know his person.

1177. But it was for his election?—Yes.

1178. Now what other advertisements or placards did you print for the same purpose?—I made an extract according to the summons from the House of Commons, and that extract I compared with my ledger, and I have marked it with my own name to save the trouble of bringing the ledger, and here is the account.

[*The Witness produced a paper.*]

1179. Without going over the different items, perhaps you will select from that bill, and state what other items there are in that bill, besides the advertisements and placards I have mentioned?—The better way would be for me to read them.

[*The Witness read from the paper he had before produced, the items contained in a bill made out by him to "David Legg, Esq." for printing connected with Mr. Dobbs's election, and amounting to 27L 14s.*]

1180. Now, have you got the original order you got to print Mr. Dobbs's last address; the address of thanks, I suppose, that was?—I have got in my possession two letters of Mr. Legg's; one I have given to you, and I have this one [*producing the letter*], but that which you refer to is not here.

1181. Look at that paper, and tell me if that is a copy of the address of thanks you published in your paper?—[*A paper was handed to the Witness.*]—I believe it is; I believe it is the same I published.

Mr. Pollock handed the paper to Mr. Andrews, and inquired if he would admit it to be in the hand-writing of Mr. Dobbs.

Mr. Andrews said he would admit the hand-writing.

1182. Mr. Pollock.]—That is a copy of the address of thanks?—I have looked at it, and I believe it is.

[*The paper was put in, and read. It was dated the 22d December 1832, and signed "Conway Richard Dobbs."*]

1183. Now, Sir, will you read to the Committee that letter from Mr. Legg, inclosing these addresses?—

Mr. Andrews objected to the evidence.—Objection disallowed.

1184. Committee.]—Is Mr. Dobbs himself a subscriber to the Northern Whig?—No, he is not.

[*The Letter dated 6th November 1832, addressed to Mr. F. D. Finley, and signed by Mr. Legg, was put in, and read.*]

1185. Mr. Pollock.]—Now have you the address of Lord George Augusta Hill; will you read that, if you please?—

[*The Witness read the Address.*]

1186. Now read the letter signed Conway Richard Dobbs, which is indorsed "300 copies"?—

[*The Witness read the Address, dated 4th November 1832.*]

1187. Is that indorsed "300 copies"?—It is.

1188. Now will you produce the other placards, such as you have brought here, and such as you published?—I brought some, but I could not procure the entire set, for in the hurry of the election, I did not think to preserve them. I have brought as many as I could procure.

1189. Have you any of the original orders?—Here they are, but they are in a very confused state; they are in the usual way in which printers in a printing office leave them.

1190. Now, I see that is a placard bearing the signature of Conway Richard Dobbs?—[*A paper was shown to the Witness.*]—It is.

Mr. Andrews objected to the evidence

Mr.
F. D. Fawcett.
1 April 1833.

1191. Mr. Pollock.]—Was it not placarded about the streets at the time of the election, printed by you, and included in the bill, a part of which has been paid?—It was.
1192. Mr. Andrews.]—In whose hand-writing is the original of that placard?—
I do not know.

[*The Address signed Conway Richard Dobbs, dated December 7th, 1832, to the Electors of Carrickfergus, was read.*]

1193. Do you recollect how you received the original of that paper?—[*A paper was shown to the Witness.*]—Indeed I do not recollect the particular circumstance; I received it in the usual way in which I received the others.

1194. And you have charged the expenses of it to Mr. Legg, in his account?—Yes; it was printed on the 12th of November, and the day-book entry is the 13th of November.

1195. Have you charged it to Mr. Legg, in that account which we have seen?—Yes, one hundred copies.

1196. A part of which bill Mr. Legg has paid you, I understand?—Yes.

1197. And has he not promised to pay the remainder?—I have had no special interview with him on the subject.

1198. But he has paid a part of this account?—Yes, I have; I was requested to bring my ledger, and I have brought a compared extract from my ledger.

1199. Out of 27*l.* Mr. Legg has paid 20*l.*?—There is an account of 13*l.* 13*s.* for the addresses, and the bill for 27*l.*; and if you deduct the 20*l.* I have received from that sum, that will leave the balance due.

1200. Now will you read the address which is dated from Mr. Dobbs's committee room?—

[*The Witness read the Address, dated from Mr. Dobbs's committee room, 12th November, 1832, signed "Marriott Dalway."*]

1201. Was Mr. Dalway at that time the Sheriff?—I believe he was; I had no communication with that gentleman.

1202. Now that is the second bill that you have shown me; I see you have charged Mr. Dobbs himself, why have you done so?—I cannot explain, except that I so find it in my ledger.

1203. Does this bill contain the address that has just been read, or some of the others?—This contains the newspaper account: that contains the printing.

1204. That contains the address?—Yes.

1205. Now without troubling you to read these different addresses, as far as you have copies of them, will you be so kind as to hand them in?—This one has been read.

1206. I see "Address to the Electors of Carrickfergus," 12 insertions; is that the address that we have had read now?—That is one of those insertions.

1207. Is that the double insertion of the address of Lord George Hill and Mr. Dobbs?—Lord George Hill has nothing to say to that.

1208. Is this for the vote of thanks?—No, for the address to the electors.

1209. Is that the inclosure from Legg?—Yes.

1210. Does this include the double address from Lord George Hill and Mr. Dobbs, which were both inclosed in that letter of Mr. Legg's?—No.

1211. It includes only Mr. Dobbs's?—Only Mr. Dobbs's.

1212. Committee.]—How often did you repeat Lord George's address?—Only about twice or thrice.

1213. Mr. Pollock.]—The second, I see, is the address of thanks which I have just shown in Mr. Dobbs's own hand-writing?—Yes.

1214. These are not paid for, I think?—Only in the way I have told you.

1215. Now I was asking you to be so kind as to hand in any other addresses or papers you have charged in this account?—Here is one which was read.

1216. That is charged in this account?—Yes.

1217. Now here is the squib: "Hurrah for Victory!" you have got a copy of that, I believe?—Yes.

1218. Then there are all the adventures of the Baron, with the odd name; I do not know whether you have got these, but I should like to see them, if you please?—Here is a scene from the new play of Arthur the Hopeless; perhaps that may answer your purpose.

1219. No, it answers my wishes to have all you can produce?—You shall have all

all that I can produce. I have the printed copy of Baron Bryanseny, but I have not the manuscript of it.

1220. Do you know in whose hand-writing it is?—No.

Mr. Harrison said there was no objection to the production of the books of the Conservative Society of Dublin, and that they would be produced to-morrow morning.

The Committee informed Mr. Harrison that they were of opinion, that the Conservative Society of Dublin were very much to be censured for disobeying the Order of the House by not allowing the Witness to produce the books in pursuance of the Speaker's summons.

Mr. Robert Scott Bradshaw called in; and having been sworn; was Examined by Mr. Follett as follows.

1221. I BELIEVE you are a barrister?—I am, at the Irish bar.

1222. Were you at the last Carrickfergus election?—I was there the two first days, and the last.

1223. I believe you were not there professionally, but attended as a friend?—In the first instance as a friend, and finding a counsel was there on behalf of Mr. Dobbs, I acted for the two first days to a certain extent professionally.

1224. Was that the time the arrangements were made for the polling?—On the first day after the Members were proposed, the arrangements with respect to the polling were entered into.

1225. Who attended on behalf of Mr. Dobbs, to make those arrangements?—There were several professional gentlemen present attending on behalf of Mr. Dobbs; Mr. Legg was present; Mr. Birnie; I rather think one or two others; Mr. Riley was there, and one or two on behalf of Sir Arthur Chichester. When I say Mr. Legg was present, he was the professional man taking part in the arrangements.

1226. And at the time Mr. Legg was present taking part, was Mr. Dobbs there?—He was present during greater part of the time, and I rather believe during the whole of it. I acted for Sir Arthur Chichester gratuitously; I am an elector.

1227. You acted as a friend?—As a friend.

1228. Mr. Legg, you say, was taking a part; do you remember, in Mr. Legg's absence, Mr. Birnie going to consult him?—That occurred at a subsequent period, after the arrangements had been completed. I do remember a fact of that kind.

1229. Will you state what passed about that?—After the arrangements had been completed, and during the first day, very considerable confusion took place in the court, and it was thought by professional gentlemen on the side of Sir Arthur Chichester, that it was very desirable to have special constables sworn in; and application was made to Mr. Birnie, who had been acting as the inspector in the booth, No. 1, to have special constables appointed.

1230. Committee.]—As inspector for Mr. Dobbs?—I ought to say that in the first instance a considerable time before this occurred, the arrangements had been entered into before the Sheriffs and the assessor, and the assessor wished to have the arrangements written down, and signed by the conducting agents of each party; upon that being done, Mr. Legg, who had appeared to be the conducting agent previous to that period, went back, and Mr. Birnie stood as the conducting agent on behalf of Mr. Dobbs, and he signed the paper.

1231. There was only one agent, I suppose, on each side who signed?—Mr. Birnie signed the paper, and after that he did not act as an agent, but sat as inspector in booth, No. 1; there was considerable confusion in the court, and it was proposed by Mr. Steward to Mr. Birnie, either by Mr. Steward or a person acting on behalf of Sir Arthur Chichester —

1232. Mr. Andrews.]—Was Mr. Dobbs present at this time?—I do not think he was at this time.

1233. Mr. Follett.]—Was that proposition about appointing special constables?—Yes; a proposition was made to Mr. Birnie for the appointment of special constables; he said it would be extremely proper; a question then arose as to the right of special constables to vote, and it was proposed by Mr. Steward, who came into court during the discussion, that there should be four persons appointed on each side who had previously voted, or four persons to pair off with each other on each side; Mr. Birnie said he thought the arrangement was perfectly fair, but he could not enter into it till he saw Mr. Legg.

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1234. Did

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1 April 1873.

Mr.
R. S. Bradshaw.

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R. S. Bradshaw.
1 April 1835.

1234. Did he then go out to consult Mr. Legg?—No; but in a short time afterwards Mr. Legg came into court, and immediately on his coming into court the proposition was agreed to.

1235. Mr. Birnie left Carrickfergus while the election was going on, did he not?—I saw him myself at the Belfast election on the Tuesday following; the first days of the Carrickfergus election, when I was present, was Friday and Saturday; the Belfast election commenced on the Monday, but there was no polling on that day, and on Tuesday and Wednesday, the two last days of the Carrickfergus election, Mr. Birnie remained at Belfast in one of the booths.

1236. After Mr. Birnie went from Carrickfergus you were there?—I was there on the last day.

1237. During all that time was Mr. Legg taking a part in the proceedings on behalf of Mr. Dobbs?—Yes; Mr. Legg appeared to me to be taking a most active part.

1238. In what way?—He went about from booth to booth; he was in the streets apparently actively interesting himself in the election; but I only recollect one particular fact with regard to his conduct, which I will mention: I was sitting in the assessor's room with Mr. Riley, who was counsel for Mr. Dobbs, and the assessor; Mr. Legg came up to the assessor's room, and stated that as he was bringing up voters to the poll, they had been taken away from him by force; that a few minutes before he appeared in the room, men had been dragged from him, and he had suffered some violence himself in the conflict; he then stated, "If you do not put a stop to this, I must resist that force by force;" I remember those were the words he made use of; "and I have sent to the Scotch quarter for 100 men."

1239. You saw him in other places very active?—He was very active, and appeared to be the principal person at the election.

1240. During those times I presume Mr. Dobbs was present in the booths?—He was frequently backwards and forwards, but I cannot recollect the particular times when he was there.

Cross-examined by Mr. Andrews.

1241. You say Mr. Legg came and stated he could not bring up the voters to the poll?—Yes.

1242. Do you not know that during the course of the election Mr. Legg was principally occupied in the streets in getting voters to the poll?—I do not know that of my own knowledge, but I believe it was a very principal part of his business; I saw him also repeatedly in the booths.

1243. How often altogether might you have seen him in the booths?—It is very difficult to speak precisely to the times, but I am convinced upwards of fifty times.

1244. Was not that upon the occasions when he brought up voters?—Very frequently it must have been so; I have seen him also consulting with the inspectors in the booths.

1245. You saw him talking to them?—Talking to them.

1246. You did not hear what he said, though you used the word consulting?—He was not speaking openly, but speaking privately to them.

1247. It was Mr. Birnie who signed the paper originally?—I believe it was; it was he who went up to sign it.

1248. Do you know Mr. Bierley and Dr. Marton?—I do not know Dr. Marton.

1249. Do you not know him by sight?—I do not know him by name; I may perhaps know him by sight.

1250. Was Mr. Bierley taking an active part in the election?—Yes.

1251. A very active part?—A very active part.

1252. Did Mr. Riley take any other part than you have told us?—Not to my knowledge.

1253. Do you know Mr. Wilson?—I do know some persons of that name, but I do not know of any I saw at the election.

1254. Do you know Mr. James Wilson?—In what situation of life is he?

1255. Committee.]—He is described here as the nephew of Hanley?—I do not know him.

1256. Then you are not much acquainted with the persons who reside in Carrickfergus?—Not with the electors; but I believe I know every person almost of the more respectable class of inhabitants.

1257. Dr. Marton, perhaps you would not have placed him among them?—I am convinced, if he lives in Carrickfergus, he has not lived long there.

1258. Did

1258. Did not you see several other persons bringing up voters in the way Mr. Legg was doing?—I saw other people bringing up voters, but none in the same way as Mr. Legg; in addition to bringing up the voters, he was also taking a part which other persons did not.

1259. That is not an answer to my question; my question was, whether you did not see other persons bringing up voters in the same way that Mr. Legg did?—I do not exactly understand; so far as bringing up voters, they might bring them up in the same way.

1260. You do know Mr. Bierley, though you do not know the other gentleman?—Yes.

1261. Did you see him there?—Yes.

1262. Did you see him in the poll booths?—I did.

1263. Frequently?—Yes, I did see him in the poll booths frequently.

1264. Now I ask you, if Mr. Bierley was not taking an active part in the election?—Very active.

1265. You speak of Mr. Birnie signing the paper; was Mr. Legg in the room?—I did not see Mr. Birnie sign any paper.

1266. Was he not appealed to to sign the poll books?—Mr. Legg was standing next the assessor at the time, and Mr. Birnie, who had not been taking an active part before, signed it; Mr. Legg pointed out Mr. Birnie as the person who was to sign it.

1267. Was it not expressly stated at that time, that Mr. Legg was not an agent?—I believe not; I cannot state that it was not so stated, but I did not hear it. The words which I heard were these; the assessor asked for the conducting agents, the parties to sign, and Mr. Legg pointed out Mr. Birnie as the conducting agent; but he did not say that he himself was not an agent.

1268. Am I to understand you to say, he did not say it, or only that you do not recollect it?—I am convinced I did not hear it; I cannot say he did not say it, it is quite impossible for me to say he did not say it, but I am sure I did not hear it.

1269. He might have said it without your hearing it?—Certainly not to any person connected with the election on behalf of Sir Arthur Chichester, for I was amongst the most forward of them.

1270. Might he not have said it generally?—To those about himself, or he might have said it to the assessor.

1271. It was the assessor who was calling for the conducting agent to sign the poll book?—It is within the bounds of possibility.

1272. But Mr. Birnie did sign it?—Yes.

1273. And Mr. Birnie passed Mr. Legg in order to sign the book, and he went up to it and did sign it?—Mr. Birnie previously had not taken an active part at all.

1274. Of course you do not know what Mr. Birnie had done, you were not with him, you were employed in the election for the other party; you were busying yourself on the other side?—I was; but very anxiously attending to what was going on on the side opposed to me.

1275. But you cannot take upon yourself to state what Mr. Birnie did?—I cannot say what he did or said to those about him.

1276. How long were you where he was?—The entire time while the arrangements were being made.

1277. How long were you in the room before the book was signed?—About two hours.

1278. I suppose there were a great many persons there at that time?—It was in the Record Court-house of Carrickfergus, which was as full as it could well be.

1279. How many do you suppose there were altogether?—I cannot form a computation.

1280. Can you give me a general idea whether there were two or three hundred people?—Three hundred very probably.

1281. And the friends of both parties?—The friends of both parties.

1282. There was a considerable discussion going on?—Considerable noise in the court; but I was forward with Sir Arthur Chichester's collecting agent, and I was very close, much closer than I am to you now, to the agent conducting the election.

1283. Were there not several persons who were taking parts in those discussions?—There were no persons taking a part in the discussion relative to the conduct of the election, with the exception of the candidates and their professional advisers.

1284. Mr. Dobbs was present at that time?—Yes, and Sir Arthur Chichester.

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1285. Did

Mr.
K. S. Bradshaw.
1 April 1833.

Mr.
R. S. Bradshaw.
1 April 1833.

1285. Did you talk, or did Sir Arthur Chichester talk?—He said something, not much; I think he communicated with Mr. Stuart and me, instead of the assessor.

1286. How many other persons were there standing near the assessor; was Mr. Birnie there or Mr. Wilson?—Mr. Birnie, at the time I am speaking of, was farther from the assessor than Mr. Legg.

1287. Mr. Birnie or Mr. Bierley?—Mr. Birnie.

1288. Was Mr. Bierley there also?—He had proposed Mr. Dobbs, and I did not attend to whether he left the court or not; I believe he was there.

1289. What did the discussion turn on principally?—On the voting by tallies, the time to be allowed between the tallies; the person who should have the first right to be in each booth, it turned principally on those points; there was a considerable discussion as to the time between the tallies.

1290. Was it not agreed at that time that no tallies should be brought up after half past four each afternoon?—Not on the first day; I do not know whether it was on the second day.

1291. Can you tell me who, besides those you have mentioned, took part in the discussion that went on?—Every person in court might have been discussing the question, but were not discussing it with us; they might have been discussing it in the court.

1292. Were you separate from the crowd, or were they pressing upon you?—We were so far separate that we were in one of the passages of the court, but there was a considerable crowd around us.

Re-examined by Mr. Follett.

1293. You say that Mr. Birnie was farther from the assessor than Mr. Legg, did Mr. Legg speak to Birnie, and if he did, do you remember what he said to him before he signed the paper?—I do not think at that moment Mr. Legg spoke to Mr. Birnie, he spoke to the assessor.

1294. *Committee.*]—You have no doubt Mr. Legg took a part in making the arrangements?—Not the least.

1295. You said he was there speaking privately to the inspector in the booths, was that during the election?—During the two first days of the election.

1296. Whose inspector?—Mr. Dobbs's inspector.

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DANIEL O'CONNELL, ESQUIRE,

IN THE CHAIR.

Sir George Rich, called in; and further Examined by Mr. O'Hanlon, as follows.

Sir
George Rich.
1 April 1833.

1297. DO you come better prepared this morning?—When I went home last night after dinner I found a box containing these books.

[The Witness produced some books.]

1298. You produce some books belonging to the Conservative Society?—Yes.

1299. What are they; let me look at them?—They came in a box last night, and I found them when I got home.

1300. You do not know what they are?—There is a book with the annual subscriptions and the members' names, and another with regard to the fund, and I think there are two letters.

1301. *Committee.*]—All the letters, I suppose, relating to the Carrickfergus election?—Upon my word I am not aware; I should think they are not all come for there are only two letters here, and I think there were more.

1302. You found them on your return?—On my return last night.

1303. Mr. O'Hanlon.]—Look at the book and let me know whether Mr. Conway Richard Dobbs is a member of the society?—Here is Richard Dobbs, of Castle Dobbs,

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George Rich.
2 April 1833.

Dobbs, and another Richard Dobbs, Esq. of Castle Dobbs, and Francis Dobbs, Esq. of Summer Hill; here is Conway Richard Dobbs, Esq. of Acton House, Armagh.

1304. That is a list of your members?—It is.

1305. Is the Rev. John Shane a member?—Of Oakfield? Yes, he is.

1306. Is David Legg?—Daniel Legg, of Lisburne, John Legg, Esq. of Carrickfergus.

1307. See whether there is the name of Daniel Legg, of Lisburne?—Daniel Legg, Esq. of Lisburne.

1308. Is the name written at full length, Daniel?—It is.

1309. Is that the long entry?—Yes, there is no other entry; the book-keeper also keeps a list of the members.

Mr. Andrews objected to the evidence.

1310. Is Mr. David Legg, of Lisburne, a member, to your knowledge?—I really do not know; I do not know the christian names of any of the members, that I know of.

1311. Committee.]—This list is only to recognize these persons as members?—Yes.

1312. Is there any sum of money necessary to be paid?—Yes; on admission, it is understood *il*.

1313. You were treasurer?—I was.

1314. Have you charged yourself with anything, and if anything what, for Mr. Dobbs, the sitting member?—I have *il*.

1315. How do you describe the person you have so charged?—Dobbs, Conway Richard, Esq. Acton House, county Armagh.

1316. Now if there be senior and junior, that would import in point of order the junior?—

Mr. Andrews objected to the evidence, as not proving that the Conway Richard Dobbs, mentioned in the books, is the sitting Member.

1317. Committee.]—How are those names entered in that book?—They generally send their names to the secretary in the first instance, and I copied it from the secretary's list.

1318. You copied into that book the names of the gentlemen who are anxious to become members of the society?—Generally speaking, when I have time I copy them myself, when I have not time the clerk or book-keeper does it; but the sums I always enter myself.

1319. Is there no form of ballot, or proposing and seconding?—There is.

1320. Are you a member of the committee?—I am, as being treasurer.

1321. Would any person appear in that book who had not been proposed and seconded by the committee?—Certainly not.

1322. Have you ever known or heard of a person proposed, seconded, balloted for and admitted without the individual being aware of it, and contrary to his wishes?—I remember one instance of a gentleman having proposed his friend, who was seconded and admitted, and this friend, upon being applied to for his subscription, said it was without his knowledge.

1323. That *il* for Mr. Dobbs was paid, I suppose, and you charged yourself?—Yes.

1324. You do not know Mr. Dobbs by person?—I have seen Mr. Dobbs in our committee-room, and the impression I had was, that he was an elderly man, and I thought he was the member. I believe he has never attended the society.

1325. Did you ever see him, he is in court?—Not to my knowledge.

The Committee determined that the evidence was admissible, but it only showed that Mr. Dobbs was recognized by the Society.

1326. Committee.]—Can you, from the books here, ascertain at what period he was entered as a member?—I do not know, but when the *il* was paid was the 11th of September.

1327. Last?—Last.

1328. Have you any document here by which you can show how the *il* was paid?—I cannot; the subscriptions were frequently paid in the room.

1329. Have you any document here to show how the *il* was transmitted to you?—No; nor have I any in general, for if sent by letter no receipt is required.

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Sir
George Dick,
2 April 1833.

1330. In general there is no ticket or certificate of their being a member sent, is there?—No, the name appearing is always considered as sufficient, and as a receipt for the 1*l*.; and it is an understood thing, that when members are admitted they are supposed to have paid the 1*l*.

1331. He would have a right to speak and vote, I suppose, if he attended?—Certainly.

1332. Mr. O'Hanlon.]—By whom is Mr. Dobbs's name entered there?—Either by the book-keeper or clerk, the clerk or assistant secretary; but the sum paid I entered myself.

1333. And you have no doubt that sum was paid?—None in the world.

1334. Are you in the habit of publishing the names of your members?—They are always published.

1335. In what manner?—In the Dublin Evening Mail.

1336. That is a paper of very extensive circulation in Ireland?—Very.

1337. Has Mr. Dobbs's name been published?—

Mr. Andrews objected to the question.—Objection allowed.

1338. Committee.]—Have you published all the names appearing in that book?—

Mr. Andrews objected to the question.—Objection allowed.

1339. Mr. O'Hanlon.]—Have you any record of the persons who preside in the chair of the society?—Certainly.

1340. Have you that record here?—No; all the books that were sent to me are these.

1341. Have you the minute-book of the society?—No.

1342. Is there a minute-book kept?—Certainly.

1343. When a member is proposed in your society, is there any minute made of his being proposed?—Yes.

1344. And the name of his proposer?—Certainly.

1345. And seconder?—Yes.

1346. You have not the book here?—No; these are all the books I have.

The Committee determined that it was not necessary for the Witness to produce the Book asked for, the Speaker's order not requiring its production.

1347. Mr. O'Hanlon.]—Is this publication of members weekly or monthly, or how?—It used to be weekly, but I believe now it is only monthly.

1348. At the period of that entry how was it?—Weekly.

1349. I believe this is a book of your accounts?—[The Book was shown to the Witness.]—I do not know that I ever looked at this book in my life; I may have looked into it once or twice.

1350. What is it?—It appears to be a book of subscriptions to the Protestant National Fund.

1351. You have not got the book showing the disbursements of the society?—No, I have not.

The Committee determined that the Witness was bound by the Speaker's order to have produced it.

1352. Committee.]—You say you have not the book of the disbursements of the sums of money sent to Carrickfergus?—No, I have not.

1353. The order is explicit as to the book of the disbursements?—It is expressly so.

1354. Mr. O'Hanlon.]—From whom have you got those books?—I found them in a box directed to me, and carriage paid throughout.

1355. Committee.]—Directed to you?—Yes.

1356. Not a Dublin direction, but a direction sent from London?—I am not aware where the direction was written.

1357. Mr. O'Hanlon.]—Did you attend a consultation yesterday with Mr. Harrison, and a gentleman engaged on the other side, upon the subject of producing these books?—Certainly not.

The Committee intimated to the Counsel for the sitting Member that they were of opinion the Witness was bound to produce the book of disbursements, that being one of the books mentioned in the Speaker's order.

Mr. Andrews submitted, that in order to make it compulsory to produce the books,

books, the Speaker's summons should have been directed to the whole society.

The *Committee* determined that the books should be produced, and that the Witness was responsible for their non-production, though they intimated that the Witness had not been guilty of any intentional contempt.

Sir
George Reid.
2 April 1833.

1358. *Committee.*—Who is the secretary?—Mr. Napier and Captain Cottingham.

1359. What is Mr. Napier's christian name?—Joseph.

1360. He is a barrister?—Yes.

1361. Captain Cottingham is a half-pay officer?—He is.

1362. What is his Christian name?—Edward.

1363. Are these gentlemen in the habit of attending meetings of the Conservative Society?—Captain Cottingham was attending pretty regularly; Mr. Napier whom his professional business would allow him.

1364. Did either of them attend either of those meetings you speak of after the summons arrived?—No, Mr. Napier was on the circuit.

1365. *Committee.*—Is Mr. Sowrie one of the members?—He is not a member.

1366. Mr. *O'Hanlon*.—You gave some of the names of those who attended the meeting of the committee on the Monday?—Yes.

1367. Now mention again if you please the names of those you specified before, and any others that you recollect?—I mentioned that I believed Mr. Boyton to have been present, and I think Mr. Lambert; but I also said, that going there so frequently, and seeing the room full of persons, one does not take particular notice who those persons are.

1368. *Committee.*—You are able to state positively to Mr. Lambert having attended?—I think so; he has been lately attending, and I think he was there on Monday.

1369. Who was chairman?—That I cannot tell.

1370. Mr. *O'Hanlon*.—On Saturday who was chairman?—I do not know there was any committee then.

1371. *Committee.*—Can you recollect who was present on the Tuesday?—That was a general meeting of the society.

1372. Who was in the chair?—I think the Hon. Randall Plunkett.

1373. The two members of the committee, who were in the room on Thursday, were the Rev. Dr. Boyton and Captain Mayne?—Yes.

1374. What is Captain Mayne's christian name; can you find it in the book?—Certainly; it is only Captain Mayne, of Plasmas, Dublin.

1375. Who opened the box which contained the books?—I did.

1376. Were there any letters in the box, or was there any communication made to you on the subject of any letters?—None whatever; but the box was filled up with waste paper except the books and the two letters I gave just now.

1377. Do you know the name of the solicitor for the Conservative Society, who had these books in London?—No, I do not.

Mr. Henry Young, called in; and having been sworn, was Examined by Mr. *O'Hanlon*, as follows.

1378. DO you know who is the solicitor for the Conservative Society in London?—I know the gentleman in whose custody the books were; I believe he is the solicitor.

Mr.
Henry Young.

1379. What is his name?—Long.

1380. Where does he live?—He resides at Morley's Hotel.

1381. What is his christian name?—John.

1382. Had you a consultation with him as to the production of these books?—Yesterday I had.

1383. In the presence of counsel?—In the presence of Mr. Harrison.

1384. Did he state what books of the society he had in his possession?—Merely that he had certain books which had been forwarded to him.

1385. Generally?—Generally.

1386. Did he say from whom those books came to him?—No, I believe not.

1387. Were the books opened?—No, I have never seen the books.

1388. They were not opened in your presence?—I have never seen them.

1389. Is Mr. Long in attendance?—He is in court now.

Mr. *John Long*, called in; and having been sworn, was Examined by the Committee, as follows.

Mr.
John Long.
1 April 1833.

1390. WHAT are you Sir?—I am a solicitor.
1391. English or Irish?—Irish.
1392. Did you come here from the Conservative Society?—I did not.
1393. Are you a member of it?—I am.
1394. Was it you who sent the box of books to Sir George Rich?—Yes, it was.
1395. Where did you get those books from?—They were forwarded to me by the Conservative Society.
1396. By whom?—By Mr. Kidd.
1397. Who is he?—I rather think he is the book-keeper to the society, and I think he is also an accountant.
1398. What books did he send to you?—The books in that box. I did not open it, I forwarded the box to Sir George Rich as I received it, without opening it.
1399. Had you any communication from Mr. Kidd?—I had.
1400. Where is it?—It is at the hotel where I stop.
1401. How many letters had you from him?—One.
1402. How long is it since you left Dublin?—I left Dublin on Friday week.
1403. The day after Sir George Rich?—No, I rather think before Sir George Rich.
1404. Sir George Rich left on Thursday week?—[*Sir George Rich*.]—I left on Thursday week.
1405. Committee.]—Are you a member of the committee?—No.
1406. Had you attended the Conservative Society during that week?—No.
1407. Mr. *O'Hanlon*.]—Had you attended the general meeting?—No.
1408. Committee.]—Had you any communication made to you upon the subject of these books being sent?—The letter I have told you of.
1409. Had you before you left Dublin?—No.
1410. You came here unconnected with the business?—Quite by chance. I was here on quite a distinct business.
1411. You were called the solicitor for the society yesterday, and in point of fact you are not their solicitor?—Yes, I am.
1412. Have you any other books relating to that society in your possession?—No, I have not.
1413. How long have you been solicitor for the society?—Since its formation.
1414. Have they paid you any costs?—They have.
1415. About how much have you received from this society?—Three hundred and fifty pounds, I think.
1416. What business have you done for the society?—I was the person who attended the registry in Dublin.
1417. And the election?—No, I did not; I was concerned for Mr. Shaw.
1418. Have you consulted any counsel as to the jurisdiction of these papers?—I did, Mr. Harrison; in fact I was desired not to inform Sir George Rich that I had possession of the books. It was stated in the letter of Mr. Kidd, that it was the wish of the committee, that unless the Committee here required the production of those books, not to have them produced; but if their production was considered necessary, I was desired to see the counsel for Mr. Dobbs, and state the books had come to me; I stated so to Mr. Harrison and Mr. Young yesterday, when I found that the Committee required the production of those books; I stated that a box had been forwarded to me, containing books and some letters; but that I was desired not to inform Sir George Rich that I had them.
1419. Did your letter state what books were in the box?—Yes.
1420. And did it state what were not sent?—Yes, it did.
1421. You were ordered not to inform Sir George Rich that you had them?—Yes.
1422. Do you say you did not attend any of the meetings of the Conservative Club, to which Sir George Rich has attended, namely, Friday, Saturday, Tuesday and Thursday before he came away?—Most distinctly.
1423. Were you at any of them?—No, I was not.
1424. Not any one of them?—No.
1425. Did any member of the Conservative Club communicate with you as to those meetings before you came away?—Not one.
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1426. When you left Dublin, did you understand a box with some books was to be forwarded to you?—I did not.

1427. And you did not come from Dublin to London at all, with reference to this petition?—No, I did not; I came here for the purpose of attending an appeal before the House of Lords.

1428. When did you first receive any communication on the subject?—Last Thursday morning, as well as I can recollect, by letter.

1429. Was that a letter sent by post?—It was.

1430. Where is that letter?—It is at the hotel at which I am staying; Morley's hotel.

1431. The day after you received that letter you received the box?—I did.

1432. Was it locked?—It was nailed.

1433. When did you first open that box?—I did not open it at all.

1434. Who did?—Sir George Rich has stated he did.

1435. And you gave it to him just as you received it?—Yes.

1436. And you knew nothing of the contents of that box more than from what the letter told you?—No.

1437. Did the letter mention to you anything as to the books that were not sent?—Yes, it did.

1438. Now, Sir, the Committee will thank you to go and bring every letter you have belonging to the society?—I have but one letter.

1439. And you have got but one?—But one.

The Committee directed the Witness to fetch the letter.

Adjourned to half-past Eleven o'clock.

At half-past Eleven the Committee again met.

The Committee room was cleared.

The Committee determined that a contempt of the House of Commons had been committed by the books and papers being withheld which were required to be produced before the Committee by the Speaker's summons, and resolved to make a special report to the House of Commons, in order to obtain leave to adjourn, to give time for the enforcement of the Speaker's summons. But the Committee wished most explicitly to acquit Sir George Rich of the slightest intention to be a party to the contempt.

The counsel and parties were again called in, and informed of the determination of the Committee.

1440. *Committee to Sir George Rich.*—How soon can all the documents be here which are required to be produced by the Speaker's summons?—By Monday or Tuesday, I should think. I beg leave to say that no person can hold this Committee, and of course the House of Commons, in greater respect than I do; but I have been really completely deluded, and I feel very much mortified at what has taken place.

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Mr. O'Hanlon submitted that, from the nature of the examination, with respect to the manner of transacting the business of the Conservative Society, it would be necessary for the Petitioners to have some other books and papers produced besides those mentioned in the original order.

Mr. Thesiger contended that the documents to be produced must be confined to those mentioned in the original order.

Mr. O'Hanlon replied.

The Committee determined that all books and papers that were material to the inquiry should be produced.

Mr. John Lang called in; and further Examined by the Committee, as follows.

1441. HAVE you now brought the letter to which you spoke in your evidence a short time ago?—Yes, I have.

1442. That is the only communication you have had with the Conservative Society since you left Dublin?—It is the only one.

[The Letter was put in.]

An honourable Member wished to take the opinion of the Committee as to the propriety of reading the letter from Mr. Kidd to Mr. Lang, it being a private

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a private letter, addressed by the clerk of the Conservative Society to their solicitor.

1443. *Committee*.—Do you object to the letter being read?—It certainly is a private letter, and I believe I have given the substance of it very correctly.

1444. Do you make the objection as a matter of privilege to yourself, or do you leave it to the Committee?—I think I would make the objection to its being produced, it being a private letter; but perhaps it may be better to leave it in the hands of the Committee.

Mr. *Harrison* contended that the letter was in the nature of a private communication, as between attorney and client, and therefore ought not to be read.

Mr. *O'Hanlon* submitted that there was no privilege in the case of a contempt of the House of Commons; and that if there was, this letter was not in the nature of a private communication, it not relating to any cause.

Mr. *Andrews* was heard in reply.

The Committee room was cleared.

The Committee determined that the letter should be read.

The counsel and parties were again called in, and informed of the determination of the Committee.

The letter was then read; it was dated, Dublin, 25th March 1833, signed by John Kidd, and addressed to John Long, Esq., Morley's Hotel, Trafalgar Square, London, and was in the following terms:

"(Private.)

"Dear Sir,—I beg to inform you that I shall forward to you this day, in a deal box, by Mr. Thomas Beatty, if he goes to London, if not, by the Holyhead Mail, Sir George Rich's book, containing the names, &c. of the members of the Conservative Society, and the account of the disposition of the fund arising out of their annual subscriptions, but no account of the outlays on account of elections, with two exceptions!! The journal containing the money received as contributions to the National Fund, two letters from the Rev. John Chaine, all of which are ordered by the Speaker's summons to be brought over by Sir George Rich, but which it is not decided here that the committee are obliged to send under the circumstances. Sir George Rich is not aware of their being forwarded to you. The object of sending them is chiefly to prevent unpleasant consequences to him, in case of its being decided by the House that he ought to have brought them. Will you have the goodness, in conjunction with Mr. Beatty, to have them submitted to Mr. Dobbs's committee, or their counsel, in London, taking latter's advice as to the use to be made of them. Please not to acquaint Sir George Rich that you have them; and if you see matters going to extremes for their non-production, then Sir George may, through you, be enabled to report to the House that since his last appearance before them the books have reached him. Will you be so kind as to have them returned as soon as possible by some safe confidential hand. I am, dear Sir, your most obedient servant,

"John Kidd."

1445. Did you consult with the counsel for the sitting Member on this subject?—The day I received this letter, I waited on one of the agents and handed him the letter, and I told him I would be directed by whatever counsel might wish; I would put the matter in their hands.

1446. One of the agents of the sitting Member?—Yes, Mr. Young's partner.

1447. Did you give him a copy, or the original?—I gave it to him just as it was.

1448. Mr. Beatty did not come to you with the box?—No, I have not seen him.

1449. Did it come by the mail?—It came by the Holyhead mail to me.

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1450. LOOK at that order, and state the day on which you were served with it?—It was served on me last Thursday week, that is on the Friday before I came.

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1451. Will you see what day of the month it was?—It is dated the 8th of March; I do not recollect exactly the day of the month on which I left; the Speaker's summons is dated the 8th of March, and I received it either on Thursday or Friday week; I received the letter about the 19th or 20th I think.

1452. If it was last Friday week it would be the 22d?—Then it was about the 21st or 22d.

The committee room was cleared.

The Committee resolved, That the Chairman should be directed to inform the House, that it appeared to the Committee, that Sir George Rich, a witness under examination before them, had been served with the Speaker's warrant to produce certain documents specified therein, and which are now in the city of Dublin, where such warrant was served, but those documents have been withheld in that city by the intervention of other persons. And that it appears to the Committee that these documents are essentially necessary to be produced for the purposes of justice, and that it would be advisable to adjourn the sittings of the Committee till Tuesday the 9th of April instant, to give time for the production of the documents in question.

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IN THE CHAIR.

The names of the Members were called over,—All present.

Sir George Rich, again called in; and having been sworn, was further Examined, as follows.

1453. Committee.]—HAVE you got all the books now?—They are all come.

1454. Have you got the accounts of the disbursements for the Carrickfergus election?—I have.

1455. Have you got all the correspondence upon that subject?—I believe that all has come; I am told that the whole has come. I would for one moment entreat the indulgence of the Committee with every possible respect to them, but I feel that I have a claim upon me as an act of justice; I wish to allude to the circumstances which have occasioned the adjournment of this Committee. I do not feel myself justified in denying that there was an apparent intention on the part of the committee of the Conservative Society, to impede the ends of justice, and I admit that they have practised delusion towards me; I also admit, that there appeared to be a breach of faith; but I am happy to be able to state, and I feel it due to the gentlemen of that committee, to state, that it appears they had no intention of impeding the ends of justice, on the contrary, they have done every thing they could to promote it; nor has there been any delusion on their part, nor any breach of faith, and it will appear in evidence that there was no such intention.

1456. Mr. O'Hanlon.]—Do you produce the book of disbursements of the Conservative Society?—I do.

1457. Can you turn to any entry in that book of the money disbursed by the Carrickfergus election?—There is but one in this book; there is a double entry, which there always is in all our books; "To payment, draft 3,634, Carrickfergus election, 500*l*." and the duplicate entry is "To amount advanced per this book, 500*l*."

1458. Does the name of that person to whom that check was given appear?—It does in my check book; to Mr. Dobbs.

1459. To what Mr. Dobbs?—Merely to Mr. Dobbs, without his christian name.

1460. Did you make that payment yourself?—I did.

1461. What Mr. Dobbs was it that meant?—The gentleman that was stand for the borough, Mr. Conway Richard Dobbs.

1462. What is the date of the check?—The 11th of December 1832.

1463. Have you a note in your check book?—No note whatever.

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1464. Read the note you have before you?—^a Page 22, general purposes, No. 3,634, to Mr. Dobbs, on account of Carrickfergus election, 500*l.*;" date, December 11, 1832.

1465. Do you recollect to whom you delivered that check?—Na, but I recollect having paid some of the money to the Rev. John Chaine.

1466. How much did you give to Mr. Chaine?—£. 300, that night; it was late in the evening; we could not get bank post bills, and he wished for the money, and I gave him all the money I had in the house.

1467. When?—On that evening, December the 11th.

1468. To whom did you pay the remainder of the money?—I left it with the secretary the next morning to pay the remainder; I left the draft with Captain Cottingham, begging him to get the check and pay the other 200*l.*

1469. *Committee.*—Do you mean to swear positively, that no other monies but 500*l.* were sent to Carrickfergus?—I do.

1470. Nor expended by the Conservative Society in any way upon the Carrickfergus election?—Certainly not.

1471. *Mr. O'Hanlon.*—Did Mr. Chaine give you any acknowledgment for that money?—He did.

1472. Have you also an authority to you to pay that money?—I had.

1473. Have the goodness to produce those documents?—

[*The same were delivered in and read, as follows:*]

" PROTESTANT CONSERVATIVE SOCIETY in Ireland.

No. 16.—Leger 22.

Committee Rooms, 11th day of December 1832.

" Pursuant to a resolution of the committee passed on the 11th day of December 1832, you will be pleased to pay Chairman of Carrickfergus election committee the sum of 500*l.*"

" *E. Cottingham, Secretary.*"

" To Sir George Rich, Treasurer."

" I have received from the treasurer of the Conservative Society the sum of 500*l.* towards the Carrickfergus election, and for which I am accountable."

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" *John Chaine.*"

1474. Have you got the minute book?—I have.

1475. There is a resolution there respecting the issue of that money, is there not?—There are four resolutions relating to the Carrickfergus election in that book.

1476.—Have the goodness to read them?—

[*The same were read as follows:*]

" Saturday, 20th October 1832.

" Present, Lord Langford in the chair.

Rev. Chas. Boyton.

Sir Geo. Rich,

Geo. A. Hamilton, Esq.

R. H. Sheehan, Esq.

Thomas C. Hamilton, Esq.

Capt. Cottingham, Secy.

" The committee having under consideration an application from Mr. Legg for a grant of 1,000*l.* for the purpose of returning Mr. Dobbs, a member of the Conservative Society, for the borough of Carrickfergus, Resolved, That our secretary be instructed to acquaint Mr. Legg that the society or committee have not as yet entertained any proposition with regard to expenditures at elections; but that under the circumstances of the case they are prepared to pledge themselves to recommend to the society that the sum of 500*l.* should be appropriated for promoting the return of Mr. Dobbs, if it should be required, and previous to the election to recommend the grant of an additional 500*l.* in case the expenses cannot be with fair exertion otherwise met, in the event of there being funds sufficient at the time for the purpose."

" Monday,

" Monday, 29th October 1832.

" Present, Lord Longford, in the chair. R. H. Sheeha, Esq.
Sir Geo. Rich, Capt. Cottingham, Secretary."

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" Tuesday, 11th December 1832.

" Present, Gustavus Lambert, Esq. in the chair.
Geo. A. Hamilton, Esq. Rev. Charles Boyton.
Robert Bourke, Esq. Nathl Sneyd, Esq.
Major Eccles. Oliver Nugent, Esq.
John Mayne, Esq. Capt. Cottingham, Secretary.

" An application from Carrickfergus election committee for a grant of money having been made in aid of their funds,—Ordered, That a sum of 500*l.* be transmitted to the chairman of the Carrickfergus election committee, and that the treasurer do remit the same this evening."

" Monday, 31st December 1832.

" Present, Earl of Roden, in the chair.
Sir George Rich. John Mayne, Esq.
Rev. Chas Boyton. R. H. Sheehan, Esq.
R. J. T. Orpen, Esq. Capt. Cottingham, Secretary.

" A letter from the Rev. John Chaine having been read, requesting further aid towards the expenses of the Carrickfergus election, and the resolution of the 29th October having been read,—Resolved, That Mr. Chaine be informed that the committee regret that they have not sufficient funds at their disposal to make any further grant at present towards the expenses of the Carrickfergus election.

1477. Will you have the goodness to produce the letter from Mr. Legg, noticed in the first resolution?—I never had charge of the letters; there are twenty large boxes of letters come, and no doubt they will be produced. There is another resolution with reference to the proceedings of this Committee, in consequence of papers being demanded which it may be desirable to read.

1478. *Committee.*]—Were you present at the time that was passed?—No, it was immediately after I left London.

1479. Then all you know of it is that you found it entered there?—That is all.

1480. *Mr. O'Hanlon.*]—Who is the proper person in the society to have the custody of the correspondence?—Mr. Kidd.

Mr. John Kidd, called in; and having been sworn; was Examined as follows.

1481. *Committee.*]—DO you hold any situation under the Conservative Society?—I do.

1482. What are you?—Book-keeper and acting secretary.

1483. At a salary?—At a salary.

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John Kidd.

[*A Letter was shewn to the Witness.*]

1484. Is that your hand-writing?—It is.

1485. Did you write that by authority, or of yourself?—I wrote it of myself as a matter of course in sending the books. I had authority for sending the books; I am not quite certain whether the gentlemen who told me to send the books accompanied it with an authority to write the letter, but I wrote it upon my own responsibility, without directions from the committee.

1486. Did you, of your own authority, determine not to send an account of outlays for the election?—I did not; I determined to send all that I conceived was in the Speaker's warrant.

1487. Did you write without directions from any body?—I could not have authority but from the committee.

1488. Did any of the committee advise you to write it?—I was advised to write it, but I had no authority from the committee.

1489. Who advised you?—Captain Mayne advised me to write the letter.

1490. Did any body else advise you?—Nobody else.

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1491. Did Captain Mayne advise you what you were to write?—He did.
1492. Then you wrote that letter in pursuance of the advice of Captain Mayne?—No, I determined to write the letter; but the advice Captain Mayne gave me, if this is the time to state it, I will state it.
1493. State it?—He advised me to write to Mr. Long not to expose, unnecessarily, the accounts and business of the society.
1494. Will you read your letter?—

[A Letter, dated Dublin, 25 March 1833, signed John Kidd, and addressed to John Long, Esq. delivered in upon a previous day, was shown to the Witness, and read by him.]

1495. Does it not appear from that letter that you were quite aware that those things were ordered to be brought over?—I was.

1496. You knew that outlays on account of elections were in the Speaker's warrant?—No, I did not.

1497. You observe the index that is put to a particular passage in that letter?—I do.

1498. Why did you put that index to it?—Upon my oath, I say, I consider that that book was not in the Speaker's warrant, and I put it there to express my astonishment that that book, which would have settled the matter at once, was not in the Speaker's warrant; I got positive orders from the committee to send every thing that was in the Speaker's warrant.

1499. In that letter you say that you will send over the books, but you say there are other things which you will not send over, and which it is not decided that the committee are obliged to send?—I numbered three things which I sent, which were ordered to be sent: here is an account of money received from bankers, but there is no account of outlays on account of the elections; what I say is, that that book, numbered one, does not contain the outlays on account of elections, and I was surprised that such a book as that was not ordered. There are two entries in the book of money laid out in elections, and those are the only entries of money on account of elections which there are in that book.

1500. Had Sir George Rich sent you the Speaker's warrant?—I saw it some days before.

1501. Who ordered you to send those books?—I got a verbal order from the assistant secretary, that all things that were ordered by the Speaker's warrant should be sent, he came to my office to tell me that that was the decision of the committee upon the 22d of March, I think.

1502. Had you the Speaker's warrant at the time?—I had not.

1503. What was it that it was not decided that the committee were obliged to send over under the circumstances?—Not one thing more than another; the committee submitted it to counsel's opinion what they ought to send over.

1504. Did you get a written opinion?—I think not; Sir George Rich I think waited upon Mr. Saurin.

1505. Can you give the Committee any reason why the disbursement accounts were not sent over?—I had no reason for not sending it except that it was not in the Speaker's warrant; I had no reason whatever for withholding it, nor had the committee so far as I know their proceedings.

1506. Have you brought any letters of Mr. Dobbs?—I have brought every letter of the society, and they are at my lodgings.

1507. Did you bring with you any letters of Mr. Dobbs?—I dare say they are in the parcel, but I did not look for Mr. Dobbs's letters; I brought all the letters of the society.

1508. Do you not know whether there are any letters of Mr. Dobbs?—I find in the index that there are two letters as having been received from Mr. Dobbs, and I suppose they are there.

1509. Why did you keep back from the committee Mr. Dobbs's letters?—I did not know before I came into the room that there were any letters from Mr. Conway Dobbs.

1510. Look at your letter again, and state upon your oath, whether you wrote that letter so minutely, describing what you sent, and what you had not sent, and so distinctly referring to the Speaker's warrant, merely of your own head, and without its being the work of any body else?—As to the minuteness of that letter it is my way always to go into detail when I write; and I had no directions from any individual to withhold one thing more than another from this committee.

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1511. Did you enter into those particulars, how far the Speaker's warrant was to be obeyed, and how far it was to be resisted, merely of your own head, or by the direction of anybody else?—The direction I got was to direct Mr. Long not to have them exhibited unnecessarily; but with regard to what I said about the Speaker's warrant, I wrote this in consequence of the various discussions I heard in various places upon this subject.

1512. When you say the directions you got, do you mean the directions you got to write that letter?—The directions I got were simply, that I should send all that was in the Speaker's warrant to Mr. Long, directing him not to exhibit them unnecessarily.

1513. Do you mean to say that before you wrote that letter, you had directions to send all that was in the Speaker's warrant to Mr. Long?—I had.

1514. Then why did you do directly the reverse?—I did not do so.

1515. Then why were the outlays withheld?—I did not conceive them to be the Speaker's warrant.

1516. Is that note opposite to the words "No account of the outlays" written by you?—It is.

1517. What is the meaning of it?—It was as much as to say that account would show the whole, why was not it ordered.

1518. After you had sent those books mentioned in that letter, when did you communicate to the committee what books you had sent?—I do not recollect that the committee ever spoke to me upon the subject afterwards.

1519. You mean to say that none of the committee ever spoke to you as to the books you had sent?—Until the day before I left Dublin, I was asked whether I had sent all that was in the Speaker's warrant, and the committee entered in to a minute in that day's proceedings, which will show that I stated to them then what I have stated here now.

1520. Had you a copy of the Speaker's warrant?—I had not, it was in the possession of Sir George Rich.

1521. Was there one left with the committee?—Not to my knowledge.

1522. Are you authorized to correspond by the society without particular directions?—I am not authorized to correspond for the society without particular directions, unless, as the honorary secretaries were occasionally absent, they should have some one to act for them without particular directions.

1523. Was there any minute made, or any order made for the letters you were to write?—I do not recollect.

1524. Do you keep the minute book?—I do not.

1525. Who does?—Mr. Cooper is the assistant secretary.

1526. Is he here?—No, he is not.

1527. What is the date of that letter?—The date of my letter is the 23d of March.

1528. Look at the minute book at the date of the 22d and 23d of March, and see if you find any minute about your writing a letter?—

"Ordered, That Mr. Kidd do forthwith forward the same by a confidential person, for Sir George Rich's use."

1529. Read the whole of the minute of that day?

[*The same was read as follows:*]

"Friday, 22d March 1833.

"It appears that Sir George Rich, in his hurry to proceed to London, in obedience to the summons of the Speaker of the House of Commons, neglected taking with him the books and papers therein mentioned.—Ordered, That Mr. Kidd do forthwith forward the same by a confidential person, for Sir George Rich's use."

1530. When did you first see that entry?—I cannot say whether I saw it on the 23d.

1531. By whom was it made?—By a Mr. Cooper, the assistant secretary; it is put in the rough book first, and then copied the next day, and the chairman signs it if it is according to the rough book.

1532. Is that signed by the chairman?—It is signed by H. R. Dawson.

1533. Is that Dean Dawson?—It is meant for Dean Dawson.

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1534. Were you present as secretary when that minute was ordered by the committee?—No, I was not acting as secretary, it was the assistant secretary.

1535. Can you tell whether you were present?—I cannot say whether I was present; I am seldom or ever with the committee; my business is up-stairs, with the books.

1536. When you saw that entry, did you suppose that Sir George Rich had gone off by mistake without the book?—I knew that Sir George Rich had gone without the books.

1537. Did you ever say to any body that you thought you could keep back books that might be wanted?—No, I did not, and I deny most positively that I ever intended to keep back any books that might be wanted.

1538. Do you know whether the application referred to in the minute of the 20th of October was by letter?—I do not know; there is no such letter in the index. I will explain the process of the letters: the letters are opened in the committee room; after they are folded and endorsed in the committee room, and entered and numbered in this rough book, they are sent up to me to index them in the book they are alphabetically arranged. They are put up in numbers in the press together, in 25 each, and there they lie, and there is no such letter for Mr. Legg.

1539. Have you looked for it?—I have, and I cannot find any such letter; and I have got the indexes here.

1540. Have you got the letter from the Carrickfergus election committee?—No, I never heard that there was any letter from the Carrickfergus committee, and it was only lately that I heard there was any such thing as a committee.

1541. *Committee.*—Have you taken any oath of office?—No, I have not.

Sir George Rich further Examined by Mr. Follett, as follows.

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1542. CAN you state what became of that letter from Mr. Legg?—I had no charge of the letters, and I do not know any thing of them.

1543. Were you not yourself at that meeting of the committee at which that resolution was come to, on the 20th of October?—I was.

1544. Do you know anything of that letter?—I do not; the first application that I heard with reference to the Carrickfergus election, was made by Mr. Boyton, not by letter.

1545. Cannot you tell whether any letter of Mr. Legg's was read at the time?—No, it is not stated that any letter was written; I never saw a letter, and I perfectly remember the first announcement we had, was from Mr. Boyton having stated to us, that an application had been made to him upon the subject.

1546. Then you have no recollection of any letter from Mr. Legg having been read?—None at all.

1547. Now will you turn to the entry upon the 11th of December?—I have stated before, that I hardly ever see the letters, and I believe it was in consequence of Mr. Chaine's attendance in the committee room that evening, and requesting that the money might be given; it was during the Dublin election, I was very much engaged. I came in late, after the poll was closed, and going into the committee room, I saw a gentleman there applying for a sum of money for the election; I did not know at that time what the gentleman's name was, or for what election it was, and I then got an order from the secretary, desiring that I would send forward 500*l*.

1548. You state, that to the best of your recollection, there were no letters of this sort?—I do not recollect any whatever.

1549. Is it the custom of the society to keep all applications to the society?—All public letters to the society are kept, but private letters are not.

Mr. William Whitaker, called in; and having been sworn; was Examined by Mr. Pollock, as follows.

Mr.
W. Whitaker.

1550. ARE you a clerk in the Bank of Ireland?—I am.

1551. Do you produce three bank post bills?—I do.

1552. Have you also the requisition for those bills?—I have.

1553. Have the goodness to deliver it in?—

*[The same was delivered in, and read, being a requisition dated 12th December 1832, for a bank post bill for 300*l*. in favour of David Legg, Esquire, for John Chaine of Carrickfergus; three bank post bills for 100*l*. each, were also delivered in; the same being numbered 44,643, 44,644 and 44,645.]*

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1554. Were you the person applied to for those bank post bills?—I was.
 1555. Do you know the person that applied to you?—I do not.
 1556. Why did you issue three?—The sum required was 300*l.*, and we had no plate for 300*l.*; 100*l.* was the nearest to it, and therefore I gave three instead of one.
 1557. Did the person who called upon you fill up that requisition?—Yes.
 1558. In your presence?—No.
 1559. How do you know he filled it up?—He handed it to me.
 1560. Did you give those bank post bills to the person who so came to you?—I did.
 1561. Have you ever since discovered who it was that applied to you upon that occasion?—No, I have not.

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Mr. Samuel David Stewart, called in; and having been sworn; was Examined by Mr. O'Hanlon, as follows.

1562. YOU are a merchant living in Carrickfergus?—I am.
 1563. Do you recollect in the course of the last election for that borough, seeing Mr. David Legg in your counting house?—I did.
 1564. For what purpose did Mr. Legg come there?—He came for the purpose of getting small notes for large notes.
 1565. What was the amount of the notes for which he asked smaller ones?—He said it was 100*l.*; I did not see the notes at the time.
 1566. Did you give him smaller notes for that note?—I did not.
 1567. Your indorsement is upon two notes which have been put in here, when did you make that indorsement?—I made it either upon the 19th or 20th of December.

[The notes were shown to the Witness.]

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S. D. Stewart.

1568. What are the numbers of the notes upon which your name is?—44,643 and 44,644.
 1569. When Mr. Legg asked you for small notes, what answer did you make?—I told him that I had not them, but that if he would go to Mr. Bowman, my partner, I thought he would get them.
 1570. What did Mr. Legg do then?—He left.
 1571. Did he return?—He did a short time afterwards.
 1572. Did Mr. Legg then hand you any small notes?—He did.
 1573. Did you count them?—I did.
 1574. In what parcels were those notes?—The 100*l.* was altogether, but it was divided in my presence.
 1575. Can you state the divisions?—Two 25 parcels, one 10 and one 40.
 1576. Which of those notes was it that he produced small notes for then?—I cannot say as to that.
 1577. What passed upon that occasion?—He asked me would I count those notes for him.
 1578. Did you count them?—I did; and after dividing the notes he handed 25*l.* to one person and 10*l.* to another.
 1579. Who was the person to whom he handed the 25*l.*?—William Graham; and the 10*l.* he gave to George M'Cann.
 1580. What is William Graham?—He is a farmer.
 1581. Is he an elector?—He is.
 1582. What is M'Cann?—He keeps a public-house in Carrickfergus.
 1583. What did he do with the remainder of the money?—He put 25*l.* into one pocket and 40*l.* into another.
 1584. At the time he delivered those notes to Graham and to M'Cann what did he say?—He said to Graham to show that he had some money, but not to pay away that money if possible.
 1585. Did he say to whom he was to show it?—No.
 1586. Did he give any general description of the persons to whom it was to be shown?—No, I do not recollect that he did.
 1587. Tell me the precise words that he used?—Show this money, but do not give it if possible; and he turned round to me and said, "That if our side had not begun that kind of work they would not have done so."
 1588. I suppose you are in Sir Arthur Chichester's interest?—I was.
 1589. Did he say any thing to M'Cann?—He told George M'Cann when he

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gave him the 10*l*. to make the best use of it possible, that he could not spare him any more.

1590. Did Mr. Legg say where he had got the small notes?—He said he had got them from Mr. Bowman in exchange for the 100*l*. note.

1591. Did you get that note afterwards from Mr. Bowman?—I did; I got both those notes from Mr. Bowman.

1592. Did Mr. Legg make any other communication to you about small notes for another 100*l*.?—He told me that he had got small notes for a second 100*l*. from Mr. Bowman.

1593. Did you get that second note?—I did; these are the two notes that I got.

1594. And both have your indorsement upon them?—They have.

1595. Do you know Mr. Legg's hand-writing?—I do.

1596. Is that his signature to the three notes?—It is, to the best of my knowledge.

1597. Do you know a clerk of Mr. Legg's of the name of Wilson?—I do.

1598. Did you change any note for him during the time of the registry?—I did; I got the 100*l*. from him, but whether it was a note or a post bill I cannot say.

1599. Did you give him small notes for it?—I did.

1600. Were you in Carrickfergus during the election?—I was.

1601. Do you know how Graham and M'Cann were concerned?—They were both concerned for Mr. Dobbs.

1602. Were they actively concerned?—M'Cann was, but I could not say so much for Graham.

1603. What was M'Cann doing?—I saw him very busy among the electors; but I could not say what he did exactly.

1604. Were you canvassed by Mr. Dobbs?—I was.

1605. Who accompanied him upon his canvass?—Mr. Legg introduced him to me in the office.

1606. Was that before or after this transaction as to the notes?—Before.

1607. Was there any other person but Mr. Dobbs?—Mr. Dalway came in afterwards.

1608. Was Mr. Dalway canvassing with Mr. Dobbs?—Mr. Dalway canvassed me so far, that in going out he said, that if I did not vote for Mr. Dobbs he hoped I would not vote against him; I said I would give no promise whatever to either party.

Cross-examined by Mr. Harrison.

1609. When did you first mention this conversation which you say passed between Mr. Legg and Mr. Graham?—I think I mentioned it either the Tuesday or the Wednesday of the election; it was one or two days afterwards.

1610. To whom?—I am not sure whether the first mention of it was not at Dr. M'Gowan's, to Mr. Dunn.

1611. When was it that you mentioned it?—At Dr. M'Gowan's house, in the evening; it was at 8 or 9 o'clock.

1612. Had you been dining in the house?—I had not; I went over in the evening to take a glass of punch.

1613. Was it while you were taking your glass of punch that you mentioned it?—Yes; but I mentioned it to several of my friends.

1614. To what other friends did you mention it?—I think I spoke to Mr. Stevenson and Mr. Blair, and Mr. Bowman, my partner.

1615. But this conversation at Dr. M'Gowan's, was when you were at a friend's house, over a bowl of punch, talking confidentially?—I did not consider it confidential.

1616. Were not other persons as active as Mr. Legg during the election?—I do not think they were.

1617. Who did you vote for?—Sir Arthur Chichester.

1618. *Committee.*—Was it true that they were doing the same on both sides?—I was not aware of anything of the sort being done, and I told Mr. Legg so, I told him that was the first time I had heard of any money being paid.

1619. By money being paid, you meant bribery?—I did.

1620. Did Mr. Legg know that you were a friend of Sir Arthur Chichester's at the time he gave that money to those two men in your house?—I think he must have known it from what he said.

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Mr. John Campbell, called in; and having been sworn; was Examined by Mr. Follett, as follows.

1621. I BELIEVE you are one of the sheriffs, the returning officer at Carrickfergus?—I am.

1622. Did you receive any money from Mr. Legg for the expenses of the assessor?—I think it was handed to me by Mr. Legg, on the one part.

1623. On Mr. Dobbs's part?—I think so.

1624. What was the sum he handed to you?—£. 100.

1625. It was in one note, was not it?—I do not recollect.

1626. Did you receive a 100*l.* bank post bill from him?—It might be so; I do not recollect whether it was in one bill or two; I think one of the parties did give me a 100*l.* bank post bill.

1627. What was the name of the assessor at Carrickfergus?—Mr. Henry Joy.

1628. Do you know his hand-writing?—No I do not, for I do not recollect to have seen him write.

1629. Did you give the 100*l.* bill you received to Mr. Joy?—I did; I put into his hands whatever money I received, and I think he handed it back to me afterwards.

1630. Was not it from Mr. Legg, Mr. Dobbs's agent, that you received the 100*l.* bill?—I think it was handed to me by Mr. Legg, on one side.

1631. And by whom on the other?—Mr. Stewart.

1632. Committee.]—What fee did you pay to Mr. Joy?—The usual fee, 50*l.* Irish, and ten guineas a day for the five days, and I think the Sunday was included by the consent of the parties, and it was something short of 100*l.* I think.

1633. Mr. Follett.]—Was it 98*l.* 13*s.*?—I believe it was.

1634. Committee.]—Did anybody else give you money on behalf of the sitting Member but Mr. Legg?—No, I received no other money but what I received in court.

Mr. Charles Johnson, called in; and having been sworn; was Examined by Mr. Follett, as follows:

1635. DO you live at Carrickfergus?—Yes.

1636. What are you by trade?—Partly a farmer and partly a manufacturer.

1637. You are an elector for Carrickfergus?—I am.

1638. Did you vote for Mr. Dobbs at the last election?—Yes.

1639. Do you know Mr. David Legg?—I do.

1640. Do you remember seeing him during the election, or about that time?—I do.

1641. Where did you see him?—I saw him in different places, in the street most commonly.

1642. Do you remember receiving any money from Mr. Legg?—

Mr. Harrison submitted, that the Witness should be cautioned by the Committee that he was not bound to answer the question.

I do.

1643. Will you tell us when it was as near as you recollect?—I cannot recollect the day of the month, but I believe the day of the week was upon the Tuesday.

1644. Was it the Tuesday of the election week?—Yes.

1645. How much money did you receive from him?—I think 20*l.* or 21*l.*

1646. Was it 20*l.* or 21*l.*?—I think it was 21*l.*

1647. What did Mr. Legg say to you when he gave you the 21*l.*?—I do not recollect his giving me any particular direction.

1648. What was it he said upon the subject?—I do not recollect him giving me any directions upon the subject.

1649. What did he give you the 21*l.* for?—It is hard for me to tell.

1650. Do not you recollect what Mr. Legg said to you at the time?—I do not recollect any directions at all; I do not think he said many words at the time, and I do not recollect that he said any thing.

1651. What was the substance of them?—I do not recollect any words precisely.

1652. Did not you learn from him what the money was given to you for?—I had a notion formed in my own head.

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1653. How came you to form that notion in your own head?—I do not know how it came there.
1654. What did you learn from him that the money was given to you for?—He did not say any thing when he gave me the money that I recollect.
1655. Had you had any talk with him before he gave you the money?—I had not.
1656. Where did he give it to you?—He gave it to me at Robert Lockhart's.
1657. Who was there besides Mr. Legg?—There were a good many there.
1658. *Committee.*]—Was it some money that he gave you in charity?—No.
1659. Were you to give any value for it?—No.
1660. Was it for your own use?—No.
1661. Was he in debt to you?—No.
1662. Were you to keep the money?—No.
1663. Did you consider that your own money?—No.
1664. What did you do with it?—I gave it away.
1665. Mr. *Follett.*]—When you received the money from Mr. Legg, did you understand that you were to give it away?—I did, as far as I could understand the subject; I thought it was my duty to give it away.
1666. Did you give the money to voters?—I did not.
1667. Who did you give it to?—The man of course had voted that I gave the money to; but I did not intend it for him, it was not to stop with him.
1668. What was his name?—Robert Bailey.
1669. Who did he vote for?—Mr. Dobbs.
1670. Did you give him the whole 21*l.*?—Yes.
1671. When did you give it to him?—The same day that I received it.
1672. Where?—In the same place.
1673. Do you mean at the same time that you received it?—Yes.
1674. When Mr. Legg gave it to you was Bailey in the room?—I do not recollect.
1675. How came you to give it to Bailey?—I intended it for another person; and it was intercepted by the way in handing it to another person.
1676. Who was the other person?—I believe his name was Cunningham.
1677. Is he a voter at Carrickfergus?—I believe not.
1678. Is he a tailor there?—I am not sure.
1679. He lives at a place called Ballyclare, does not he?—I believe he does.
1680. Will you tell me what you were going to give the money to Cunningham for?—I was going to give it him to give to another person.
1681. What for?—I suppose for his vote.
1682. Who was the person that was to get it for his vote, at last?—It was Harper.
1683. I believe there happened to be three persons of that name, all freemen at Carrickfergus, a father and two sons?—Yes.
1684. Was not this 21*l.* to be given to these three men for voting for Mr. Dobbs?—I believe it was.
1685. Have you any doubt about it?—No, I cannot say that I have any.
1686. You do not know whether Bailey gave it to the Harpers or not?—No; I rather think he did not.
1687. Do you know what he did with it?—I think he gave it to Cunningham.
1688. You intended to have given it to Cunningham to give to the Harpers, and Bailey stopped it, and you think he gave it to Cunningham afterwards?—Yes.
1689. Did you see Bailey give the 21*l.* to Cunningham?—I do not recollect seeing him give it.
1690. Did you see Cunningham do any thing with it?—No, I did not.
1691. *Committee.*]—Who did the three Harpers vote for?—For Mr. Dobbs.
1692. Mr. *Follett.*]—Had you taken the Harpers up to vote?—I followed them, but I cannot say that I took them up.
1693. Had you had any talk with them before they went up?—I think I had; I am sure I had.
1694. Did you tell them what they were to get?—I did not, to the best of my recollection.
1695. Upon your oath, had you no conversation with them as to the sum they were to get?—I think I gave them to understand that there would be something, but I do not recollect mentioning any particular sum.
1696. Did you tell them about how much?—No, I do not recollect exactly that.
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1697. What did you give them to understand that it would be?—I do not recollect mentioning any thing.
1698. Did you see the father and the two sons when you told them that?—No, I saw but the one son.
1699. Where was it that you saw him when you told him this?—At his own house.
1700. Do his brother and father live with him?—No.
1701. On what day was that?—I think it was on Tuesday.
1702. On the same day?—Yes.
1703. Did not you tell him that if he voted for Mr. Dobbs there would be something for him and his father and brother?—I cannot say that I recollect that; I do not recollect the conversation particularly.
1704. *Committee.*]—Do you recollect the substance of it?—It was about the election.
1705. And about money?—About money, perhaps.
1706. About their getting money for their votes?—Yes.
1707. You wanted to get them as cheap as you could?—I did not.
1708. *Mr. Follitt.*]—Did you tell him, that if he and his father and brother would vote for Mr. Dobbs, they would get something for their votes?—I think it is likely that I did.
1709. Did you give him to understand that if he and his father and his brother would vote for Mr. Dobbs, there would be some money for them?—I think I did.
1710. After you told him that, did you see the father and brother also?—I did.
1711. Had you any conversation with the father and brother about their votes?—I had not.
1712. What did you tell them?—I thought that the one brother that I spoke to would communicate to the others.
1713. When you saw the father and brother afterwards, did you know from them that the brother had told them?—I did not.
1714. What passed between you and the other brother?—Nothing.
1715. You went up to the poll with them, did not you?—I went just behind them.
1716. Did they all come to the tally room together?—They went out of the tally room together.
1717. Did they come to the tally room together?—They do not live in the town; those men live in the country. The father and one of the sons came into the town first, and then the other came.
1718. Did they all come into the tally room; did you see them all there?—I do not recollect them all three in the tally room at one time.
1719. You said they all went out together?—So they did; but one set his name down in the tally room, and then he went out.
1720. Did you see them vote?—I did.
1721. And they all voted for Mr. Dobbs?—They did.
1722. After you had seen them vote, where did you go with those men?—I went back again to Robert Lockhart's.
1723. Was it then you got the 21*l.* from Mr. Legg?—No, it was before they went out.
1724. When you came back with them to Robin Lockhart's, what was done with the money?—I never saw the money afterwards.
1725. Where did you leave them?—I left them in an upper room in Robin Lockhart's.
1726. At the time you left them in the upper room at Robin Lockhart's, who had got the 21*l.*?—I think it was Cunningham.
1727. You say, you took those men back to Robin Lockhart's; what did you take them back for?—I did not say that I had taken them there; they went there, of course, of themselves.
1728. Did you tell them to go there?—No.
1729. How came they to go there?—It was a public-house which Mr. Dobbs's friends went into.
1730. Did not you tell Harper the son that they were to go to Robin Lockhart's after they had voted to get the money?—I did not.
1731. Where did you give him to understand that he was to get in?—In Robin Lockhart's.

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1732. Then after they had polled, they went to Robin Lockhart's with you?
—Yes.

1733. Now I ask if you did not go there with them that they might receive the money for their votes?—I did not; they went to receive the money I dare say, but I did not go there to forward them in it, because I considered there was no occasion for that.

1734. You thought they would receive it as a matter of course?—I did.

1735. When you got to Robin Lockhart's house, did you see Bailey and Cunningham there?—I did.

1736. Did you say to them, "They have voted, it is all right"?—I did, or something to that purpose.

1737. Did you see money given at that time?—I did not.

1738. Did you see them preparing to give the money, or did you leave them and go away?—I left them.

1739. Did you leave them in the room up stairs where Bailey and Cunningham were?—When the Harpers went into the room, Bailey rose and came out, and we left Cunningham sitting in the room with them.

1740. *Committee.*]—Have they ever complained to you since that they were not paid?—They have not.

1741. *Mr. Follett.*]—You say that Mr. Legg gave you 21*l.*, and that very little passed between you about it; who had you had any talk with about this 21*l.* before you received it?—I had not had any talk with any body about it.

1742. How came you to get it from Legg?—I just went to him for it.

1743. How came you to go to him for it?—Because I thought he had it.

1744. Who told you that?—I do not recollect any one telling me that he had money, but I suspected that he had money.

1745. Did you ask him for money?—I did.

1746. Did you tell him what you wanted it for?—I do not recollect telling him what I wanted it for, but I thought he understood me.

1747. Did you tell him what sum you wanted from him?—I did.

1748. Did you mention 21*l.*?—I think I mentioned about 21*l.*

1749. *Committee.*]—Did you say what you wanted it for?—I do not think I did, because I thought he understood what I wanted it for.

1750. *Mr. Follett.*]—Why did you think he understood what you wanted it for?—On account that he was an official man, and busy about those things.

1751. Did not you at that time tell him the names of the persons that you wanted it for?—I do not think I did tell him the names.

1752. Try and recollect?—I am almost sure I did not.

1753. Did you tell him how many votes you were to get for the 21*l.*?—I do not think I did, for I think he knew.

1754. Why do you think he knew?—Because he was backwards and forwards in Robin Lockhart's, and saw the men.

1755. The Harpers were not at Robin Lockhart's at the time you got the money, were they?—Yes, they were.

1756. Then at the time you got the money from Legg, the Harpers were in the house?—They were.

1757. And had Legg seen them there?—I think he had.

1758. Did they go from Lockhart's to the tally-room?—From Lockhart's to the poll.

1759. Where is the tally-room?—The tally-room and Lockhart's are opposite the way at the hustings.

1760. There is one tally-room at Lockhart's house, is there?—Yes.

1761. Before you got this 21*l.* from Legg, you say the Harpers were there; did Legg know that you wanted the 21*l.* for them?—I think he did.

1762. Were they present when he gave you the 21*l.*?—I think not.

1763. You were to see that they voted before they got the 21*l.*, were you?—Yes.

1764. You were not to trust them with the money till they voted?—No.

1765. *Committee.*]—If they voted for Sir Arthur Chichester, were they to get any of it?—No.

1766. *Mr. Follett.*]—Therefore you went up with them, and came back and reported that it was all right?—Yes.

1767. And then you left Cunningham and the Harpers sitting together?—Yes.

1768. You say that took place at Robin Lockhart's; that is a public-house, is not it?—Yes.

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1769. Was there any drinking there?—There was.
1770. I suppose the Harpers drank?—I could not tell.
1771. Did not you see them drinking?—I do not recollect seeing them drinking.
1772. Did the other voters there drink, Mr. Dobbs's friends?—The house was so full, and so thronged, that I do not recollect any particular person.
1773. Were the persons there generally eating and drinking?—I saw no eating; I saw drinking.
1774. Did you see a good deal of drinking?—Yes.
1775. The persons that were drinking there, were they voters for Mr. Dobbs?—I could not tell that indeed, among a mass of people together.
1776. You can tell whether they were electors in Mr. Dobbs's interest?—I think it is likely that they were on both sides drinking there; I recollect seeing a voter of Sir Arthur's there.
1777. What was his name?—John Ferris.
1778. Do you recollect seeing any other voter of Sir Arthur's there?—No, I do not.
1779. Tell me whether the other persons who were drinking there were not voters in Mr. Dobbs's interest?—I am almost sure that there were voters of Mr. Dobbs's, but I do not recollect the names of them.
1780. What were they drinking there?—I could not tell; I suppose the general fare of the house; some one thing, and some another.
1781. Did they pay for what they had?—I could not tell that.
1782. Did you see anybody pay?—I do not recollect that I did.
1783. Did you drink there yourself?—Very little.
1784. Did you pay for it?—I did not; a voter asked me in to treat me, and I said that I had drunk nothing as yet, nor ate nothing as yet belonging to either party, and determined not to do so; and I said if you will treat me I will go in and take a glass; he said he would treat me, and I did go in, but whether he paid or not, I do not know, but he said he would do so.
1785. Were you at Robin Lockhart's pretty often during the election?—I was pretty often.
1786. I ask you, therefore, if you do not know that that was an open house for the voters in Mr. Dobbs's interest, that they might go in there and drink in that house?—I do not know whether it was or not, properly speaking.
1787. Did you take voters there yourself to drink?—I did not.
1788. None?—None, that I recollect.
1789. You did not give the Harpers any thing?—I am almost sure that I did not.
1790. Can you recollect well enough to say whether you took any voters there to give them drink?—To the best of my recollection, I did not.
1791. Did you take any voters there besides the Harpers to get money?—I did not.
1792. Did you receive no other money during the election, but that 21 £.—Not a penny.
1793. That was all you had to do with giving money?—Yes.
1794. When you received the 21 £. from Mr. Legg, what part of Robin Lockhart's premises was that in?—In the back-house.
1795. Do you mean a stable?—Yes.
1796. Who was present at it?—There was Harper, and Cunningham, and Bailey; but they were walking about, sometimes out and sometimes in, and whether they were actually present at the time, I could not swear.
1797. Which of the Harpers was present?—Ezekiel Harper, I recollect best.
1798. Were the other two Harpers in the stable?—They were most part in the yard, but sometimes they were out and in.
1799. Was the 21 £. counted out?—It was.
1800. Was Harper present when it was counted out?—I rather think Harper did not see it.
1801. Who did see it?—I think Cunningham saw it.
1802. Was it notes or gold?—Notes.
1803. It was counted out in the manger, was it?—It was.
1804. What became of it then?—It was then that I went to hand it to Cunningham, and it was intercepted, and I cannot rightly swear whether Bailey or Cunningham took it; but I am almost sure it was Bailey.
1805. What do you mean by saying it was intercepted?—When I was going to reach it to one person the other took it out of my hand.
1806. Where was Harper at that time?—I do not recollect.
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1807. Who was it counted the money into the manger?—It was me.
1808. Where did you receive it before that?—Just where I counted it.
1809. In the stable?—Or the yard.
1810. You had got it from Legg?—Yes.
1811. Was Legg present when you counted it in the manger?—No.
1812. *Committee.*]—Were you employed by anybody upon the election?—I cannot say that I was.
1813. Were you an out agent?—I never had anything to do with it but at that time; I never took an active part in the way of having anything to do but at that time.
1814. Were you paid for your trouble?—I did not receive sixpence.
1815. Were the Harpers neighbours of yours?—Yes.

Robert Bailey called in; and having been sworn; was Examined by
Mr. Pollock, as follows.

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1816. ARE you a publican at Carrickfergus?—Yes.
1817. Have you got your books here?—No; I was not requested to fetch any.
1818. Have you got your warrant in your pocket?—Yes.
1819. Produce it if you please?—

[*The Witness produced the same.*]

1820. Whereabouts do you live?—In the Irish Quarter, West.
1821. Are you a voter?—Yes.
1822. Who did you vote for at the last election?—Mr. Dobbs.
1823. Was your house open during the election there?—My house is still open.
1824. It is always open, I suppose, at reasonable hours?—Yes.
1825. Was not it an open house at the election?—Yes.
1826. Whose voters came to that house to drink?—I would not give a voter of Sir Arthur's a drop.
1827. Then do I understand they were the voters of Mr. Dobbs that came to your house?—Yes; I gave to Mr. Dobbs's friends.
1828. Do you mean that you made them a present of what they drank?—I do not know whether I did or not.
1829. Did they pay for it?—Not yet.
1830. Have you been paid for what they had?—Not yet.
1831. How much is the amount of the debt due to you?—I could not say; I do not keep the books myself.
1832. About how much?—I could not say.
1833. *Committee.*]—Who keeps your books?—It was a little girl kept them then, and my daughter.
1834. Mr. Pollock.]—Where does the little girl live?—The next door.
1835. Who directed her what she was to put down in the book?—My daughter.
1836. Never you?—No; seldom or never.
1837. Can you write?—Yes.
1838. And cast accounts?—Yes.
1839. About how much is due to you?—Upwards of 40*l.*
1840. How much upwards of 40*l.*?—Not very much.
1841. Twice?—No.
1842. *Committee.*]—Did you get any money upon account?—I do not know whether I got any or not.
1843. About how much have you got upon account?—I got 10*l.*
1844. Who gave you that?—It was Mr. Logan.
1845. What is he?—A shopkeeper.
1846. Mr. Pollock.]—What is his christian name?—Paul.
1847. What sort of a shop does he keep?—Every thing.
1848. A general dealer?—Yes.
1849. Were you ever at Mr. Dobbs's committee room?—Many times.
1850. Was not Logan a member of the committee?—Not to my knowledge.
1851. You do not know whether he was or not?—No.
1852. Do you know Charles Johnson?—Very well.
1853. Do you recollect ever seeing him handing any money to a person of the name of Cunningham?—No, I never saw him handing any.
1854. Did you ever take any from his hand?—Yes.
1855. How much?—Twenty pounds.

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1856. Was that during the election?—Yes.
1857. Who was present when you took that money from Johnson?—There was no person present but Johnson, and a stranger man and I.
1858. Was not Cunningham present?—He is a strange man to me; I never saw him.
1859. But you know it was Cunningham?—I have heard it said that it was Cunningham.
1860. When you took that money from Johnson, what did you do with it?—I counted it into Cunningham's hand.
1861. What was done with the money?—Cunningham put it in his pocket.
1862. Do you remember what day it was of the election?—To the best of my belief it was upon Tuesday.
1863. Where was this?—It was in a stable, in the back-side of Mr. Lockhart's.
1864. Did any body afterwards come into that stable?—No person at the time we were there.
1865. Did not you see any persons of the name of Harper that day?—I saw them in the house.
1866. But not in the stable?—No.
1867. Did you see them in the house the same day?—Yes, the same day.
1868. Did Charles Johnson come to the house with them?—I could not say; I saw them all in the house together.
1869. Had not you a pocket-book yourself at that time?—Yes, I had.
1870. Was there any money in that pocket-book?—There was.
1871. How much?—I could not say.
1872. About how much?—I suppose there might be 20*l.* in it.
1873. Where did you get that money?—I got it from one Dr. Marton.
1874. When had you got it from Dr. Marton?—I had got it some time in the course of that day.
1875. Was it not after you had first seen Cunningham; Johnson had got only 20*l.*; and did you not afterwards go out and get the rest?—I had the rest.
1876. Had not you gone out to fetch it?—I had it when I went out to fetch it; I said I went out to fetch it, but I had it in my pocket at the time.
1877. Was Dr. Marton a member of Mr. Dobbs's committee?—No; Mr. Dobbs had no committee, to my knowledge.
1878. You said you were often at the committee room?—I was at what the people called the committee room; but there was no committee chosen to my knowledge.
1879. Was not Dr. Marton very often at the committee room?—He was.
1880. Did not you generally see him there when you went there yourself?—I did.
1881. Had not Dr. Marton been one of Lord George Hill's committee?—I do not know.
1882. Where did Dr. Marton give you the money?—I could not recollect.
1883. Cannot you recollect whether Dr. Marton came to your house to give it to you?—He never did come to my house.
1884. Was that at the committee room?—It was not.
1885. Where was it?—It was in the street.
1886. Why did you pretend to go out to fetch that money when you had got it in your pocket?—Because I did not want to let them know that I had the money about me at the time.
1887. *Committee.*—Why not?—Because I did not wish to do it.
1888. *Mr. Pollock.*—Was it because the 20*l.* was not enough that you pretended to go out to fetch some more?—I do not know whether it was enough or not.
1889. Upon your oath, was not it because 20*l.* was not enough, that you said you would go out to fetch some more?—Yes, it was.
1890. What did Dr. Marton give you the money for; was it for the Harpers?—Yes, I got it to give to them.
1891. How came you to apply to Dr. Marton?—I thought if he had any, he would give it to me.
1892. When you came back with your pocket book, what did you do with it; did you leave it with Cunningham till the Harpers had voted?—I did.
1893. *Committee.*—Did they leave it till they voted?—There was an argument about a vote that Cunningham said was wrong.

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1894. Mr. Pollock.]—Did not they want the money before they voted?—Never from me.

1895. Did not you give your pocket-book to Cunningham, that they might be sure of it after they had voted?—No.

1896. Did they know that you gave your pocket-book to Cunningham?—No.

1897. Cunningham is a relation of the Harpers?—I have heard he is a cousin of the Harpers.

1898. After you had given the pocket-book to Cunningham, they went and voted, did not they?—I believe they did.

1899. Did not Charles Johnson come back with them?—I know nothing about Charles Johnson.

1900. Did not you see them together when they came back?—I did not.

1901. Upon your oath, did not Charles Johnson say it was all right?—Charles Johnson stopped in the room with me, and after a long time Charles Johnson went out, and came in again.

1902. When he came back, did not he say that they had voted, and that it was all right?—He did.

1903. What was done with the money?—Cunningham took it.

1904. Was any part of that money out of your pocket-book added to the rest?—Yes.

1905. How much?—As much as made up 30*l*.

1906. Ten pounds a vote?—Yes.

1907. Committee.]—Then did the Harpers get 10*l*. a piece?—I do not know what they got.

1908. Mr. Pollock.]—Cunningham got it for them?—Yes.

1909. Did you get money from any one else besides Dr. Marton during the election, or before the election was over?—Yes, I did.

1910. From whom did you receive any money besides?—Mr. Legg.

1911. David Legg?—Yes.

1912. How much did you get from Mr. Legg?—I got 10*l*. from him.

1913. Was that all?—Yes.

1914. What was that for?—I could not just say what it was for.

1915. What were you to do with it?—I was to do as well as I could with it.

1916. Was that what he said?—Yes.

1917. What did you do with it?—I gave it to a woman or two.

1918. What were their names?—Hagan.

1919. How much did you give her?—I gave her *£*5.

1920. Is her husband a voter?—Yes; I gave it to her some days after he voted.

1921. Had you promised it her before?—Never.

1922. And never said any thing to her?—No.

1923. Or to her husband?—No.

1924. Why did you give it to her then?—Because he was a very poor man.

1925. Who did you give the rest too?—I hold the other myself yet; I have never given it away yet.

1926. Did you get any money from any body else?—No.

1927. Committee.]—Where did Hagan live?—Where I came from, at the West Division of Carrickfergus.

1928. Mr. Pollock.]—What is his christian name?—James.

1929. You are quite sure that you got no money from anybody else?—Not money.

1930. You told me just now that you gave it to a woman or two?—I gave it to one.

1931. Who was the other?—I gave it to no other.

1932. How came you to say a woman or two?—I made a mistake.

1933. Committee.]—Who did you vote for?—I voted for Mr. Dobbs.

1934. Mr. Pollock.]—Where did Legg give you the money?—At the head inn.

1935. How came he to give it to you; did you ask for it, or did he give it to you without?—He gave it to me without asking.

1936. I should like to know what he said to you, when he gave you that money?—I could not recollect.

1937. Committee.]—You said, that he said you were to do the best you could with it?—Yes.

1938. Mr. Pollock.]—Was that all he said?—Yes.

1939. You understand that?—Yes.

1940. Was.

1940. Was any body present when he gave it to you?—I could not recollect.

1941. Did Legg give anybody else money while you were there?—Not before my face.

1942. *Committee.*—You got 20*l.* from Dr. Marton, and of that, 9*l.* were added to the 21*l.*, in order to give 10*l.* to each of the Harpers?—Yes.

1943. That left 11*l.* in your hands; what did you do with that 11*l.*?—I still hold it, as I do the other.

1944. Would you give credit for those sums out of your account?—Yes, certainly.

1945. And you had 10*l.* out of Lagan, on account?—Yes.

1946. Is there 40*l.* due besides the 25*l.*?—No.

1947. Did Lagan tell you why he gave you the 10*l.*?—No.

1948. But you knew it was on account of your bill?—Yes.

1949. Was Mr. Dobbs at your house at all?—Never, only to ask for my vote.

[*The Witness was directed to withdraw.*]

James Cunningham called in; and having been sworn; was Examined by
Mr. O'Hanlon, as follows.

1950. WHERE do you live?—At Ballyclare.

1951. Are you a relation to William Harper?—My wife is; William Harper is her uncle.

1952. That is the old man?—Yes.

1953. You were in the employment of Harper at the time of the election?—I was.

1954. Do you recollect being in the town of Carrickfergus at the time of the election?—I do.

1955. Did you see the Harpers there?—I did.

1956. Do you recollect being in the house of a man of the name of Robert Bailey, there?—Yes, I think I do.

1957. What business do you follow?—A tailor.

1958. Mr. O'Hanlon.]—Were you in the house of a man of the name of Robert Lockhart?—I was.

1959. Do you recollect seeing Harpers there?—Yes.

1960. Who was with them?—They were all strangers to me but the Harper.

1961. Had you any conversation with Harper there?—Very little that I remember.

1962. Which of the Harpers was it?—Ezekiel.

1963. *Committee.*]—Did you get any money?—Yes, I did.

1964. Mr. O'Hanlon.]—From whom?—From two men I knew not.

1965. How much?—Thirty pounds.

1966. Do you know them now?—I would know them if I saw them.

1967. Do you know their names?—I have heard their names; I asked their names.

1968. Have you seen them this morning?—I have.

1969. Who are they?—They told me that the one was called Charles Johnson, and the other Robert Bailey.

1970. Where did you get this money?—In the back yard belonging to Mr. Lockhart, or rather in the stable of the yard.

1971. Who gave you the money?—The two men I have mentioned.

1972. Did one of them give you the whole of the money?—The first one counted out 20*l.* to me, and then the second one gave me 10*l.*

1973. Did they make any objection to the amount of the money?—Not at that time; the man that was giving me the money, was only for giving me 7*l.* and I said I would not take it.

1974. How much did you ask?—Ten pounds; I had got the 20*l.* for two, and he was only for giving me 7*l.* for the third.

1975. Who do you mean by the three men, the three Harpers?—Yes.

1976. Why did you ask for 10*l.*?—Ezekiel Harper told me not to take less than 10*l.* each.

1977. *Committee.*]—For each vote?—Yes.

1978. Mr. O'Hanlon.]—Did he give any reason?—No, he did not.

1979. Did you see Bailey there?—Yes.

1980. Do you recollect Bailey going out of the stable?—I do.

1981. What did he say as he was going out?—He told me to wait a moment or two.

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1082. Did he return?—He did.
 1083. What did he produce?—A pocket-book with notes; more than 10 *l*.
 1084. What was done with the pocket-book?—He gave it to me to keep till after the poll had taken place.
 1085. Till after the Harpers had voted?—Yes.
 1086. Did you take the money?—I took the pocket-book.
 1087. Did you then leave the stable?—I did.
 1088. Did you say any thing to the Harpers then?—I signified to them that I had the money.
 1089. Did you desire them to go and vote?—Yes, something to that purpose.
 1090. And then they went and voted?—Yes.
 1091. Who went away with them?—I think it was Johnson.
 1092. Had you any thing to drink there?—We had.
 1093. Who do you mean by *we*?—Bailey staid with me.
 1094. *Committee.*—When they came back, and you understood that they had voted, did you give them the 10 *l*. a piece?—Yes.
 1095. How soon did you give it to them?—The next day.
 1096. Why did not you give it to them that day?—They did not want it that day; I thought it would be as safe with me as with them.
 1097. And who brought back the three Harpers?—I think it was Johnson.
 1098. Had the Harpers any thing to drink?—I do not remember that.
 1099. *Committee.*—Were they drinking on both sides?—I could not say; I was a stranger entirely.
 2000. *Mr. O'Hanlon.*—After the Harpers retired, was the money counted again?—There was a party at the house; before they returned Johnson came in, and I signified to him that they had voted. He said, all is well, or something of that sort; and he said to me, give me the pocket-book, and he counted the notes I had.
 2001. And you took the money, and gave it to the Harpers the next day?—I did.

Cross-examined by Mr. Theiger.

2002. You were not an elector of Carrickfergus yourself?—No.
 2003. A perfect stranger to the place?—Yes.
 2004. Were you in Carrickfergus before the Tuesday of the election?—No; I was there once or twice, years before that.
 2005. *Committee.*—How far do you live from Carrickfergus?—Eight or nine miles.
 2006. Did you get anything for your trouble?—No.
 2007. Were you doing work for your cousins, the Harpers?—I was in Carrickfergus for some things that I required for the clothes making, and they thought they would trust the money in my hands, and told me to go and see what I could get.

[The Witness was directed to withdraw.]

Mary Corry called in; and having been sworn; was Examined by
Mr. Follett, as follows.

Mary Corry.

2008. ARE you the wife of a person of the name of Matthew Corry?—Yes.
 2009. Is he a freeman of Carrickfergus?—Yes.
 2010. Has he voted for the last two or three elections?—Yes.
 2011. Who did your husband vote for at the last election?—For Mr. Dobbs.
 2012. Who did he vote for at the election before?—For Sir Arthur Chichester.
 2013. And I believe the time before that he voted for Lord George Hill?—No, he never voted for Lord George Hill.
 2014. How often did he vote for Sir Arthur?—I believe three times.
 2015. Before he voted at the last election, did you see Mr. David Logg?—Yes, I did.
 2016. Where did you see him?—In a house near the court-house.
 2017. Do you know what the name of the house was?—I do not.
 2018. Did he send for you, or did you go to him?—I went to him.
 2019. Did anything pass between you and him as to your husband's vote?—He said he would give me money if he would vote for Mr. Dobbs.
 2020. What did you say to him?—I did not say anything; he told me what he would give me; I did not say anything more.
 2021. What did he tell you he would give you?—Twenty pounds.
 2022. Did you tell him your husband's name, and who he was?—He knew him.
 2023. I think

2023. I think your husband holds some office; he is one of the sergeants?
—He is.
2024. Did you tell him you would take the 20 l.?—Yes.
2025. Did you tell him your husband would vote for Mr. Dobbs for 20 l.?—Yes.
2026. You were satisfied with the 20 l.?—Yes.
2027. Did you tell your husband about it?—I did not till after the poll.
2028. When did you get the 20 l.?—I got it after he polled, in that house.
2029. Where did Legg tell you that he would leave the money for you?
—In that house.
2030. Did he ask you in whose hands it should be placed?—He did.
2031. In whose hands did you tell him to put it?—In Doctor Marton's.
2032. And after your husband had polled, you went to the house and got the 20 l., who did you get it from?—From Doctor Marton.
2033. Do you recollect the day when you first saw Mr. Legg, when he told you he would give you 20 l.?—Upon the Tuesday.
2034. What day did your husband vote?—Upon the same day.
2035. When did you go back to the house to get the 20 l.?—Upon the same day.
2036. At the time you saw Mr. Legg, when he asked you whose hands he should put the money in, he shewed you the notes, did not he?—Yes; I saw the notes.
2037. *Committee.*]—Did you know the money was left with Doctor Marton before your husband polled?—He said it was.
2038. *Mr. Fullert.*]—When you went out from this house where you saw Mr. Legg, did you see your husband?—I did; he was in the street.
2039. Did you tell your husband who he was to vote for?—Yes, I did; I told him he was to go and poll for Mr. Dobbs.
2040. And he did go and vote for Mr. Dobbs?—Yes.
2041. Did you go up with him to poll, and see him poll?—I did.
2042. And after you had seen him poll, I believe you went back to the house and got the money from Doctor Marton?—I did.
2043. You say that house was near the court-house, was this the house of Robin Lockhart?—It was not; it was upon the other side of the street.
2044. *Committee.*]—Did your husband ever get so much for a vote before?—He never got any thing before.
2045. *Mr. Fullert.*]—Was this next door to a house of Sam Erskine's?—I could not say.
2046. Was it the house where the tally room was?—I think it was a private house.

[*The Witness was directed to withdraw.*]

James Hunter called in; and having been sworn; was Examined by *Mr. O'Hanlon*, as follows.

James Hunter.

2047. DO you live in Carrickfergus?—Yes.
2048. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.
2049. For whom?—For Sir Arthur Chichester.
2050. Do you recollect being canvassed by Mr. Dobbs?—Yes.
2051. Who was with him?—Mr. David Legg.
2052. Do you know a man of the name of William Wilson, a clerk of Mr. Legg's?—Yes, I do.
2053. Do you recollect getting any money from him?—Yes.
2054. How much?—Twenty-five shillings.
2055. What did he give you that money for?—To pay my freedom back.
2056. To pay the expense of your becoming a freeman?—Yes.
2057. Do you recollect Mr. Legg making you any offer in the course of the election?—Yes.
2058. What was that?—£.7. 10 s. for my vote, on the table.
2059. You mean at the poll?—Yes.
2060. For whom?—For Mr. Dobbs.

Cross-examined by *Mr. Theiger*.

2061. What are you?—I am a freeman.
2062. What are you by trade?—A tailor, green-grocer, and fruiterer.
2063. How long have you been a freeman at Carrickfergus?—Since the last freemen were made.
2064. Have you paid for your stamp duty?—No, I have not.
2065. Did

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2065. Did you receive any money from any person besides this to pay for your stamp duty?—Mr. Arthur.

2066. Who is Mr. Arthur?—He was at Jemmy Arden's, at the time the stamp duty was paid; I do not know any thing more about him; I only know him as a gentleman.

2067. Is he a friend of Sir Arthur Chichester?—Yes, he was down paying.

2068. For that side?—Yes.

2069. Did he pay for your freedom?—Yes.

2070. How long before you saw Wilson was it that he paid for your freedom?—About a fortnight or three weeks.

2071. Did you go to Wilson to get money for your freedom, after it had been paid for?—I did not; he gave me money to pay it back to Mr. Arthur, and I did not do so; I took the money and drank it; I never gave it back.

2072. How came you to go to Mr. Wilson, to get the twenty-five shillings?—I heard of every body else getting a great deal, and he gave me a nod one Saturday, I do not recollect the day of the month, to come and get it; and I went over to Mr. Lockhart's and took it.

2073. Did you tell him that you wanted the 25s. to take up your freedom, or to repay the money advanced?—I told him nothing about it.

2074. How did he know that the money had been advanced for your freedom?—He knew it perfectly well.

2075. How did he know that your freedom had been paid for by Mr. Arthur?—He allowed me to go and give it back to Mr. Arthur, and to vote for Mr. Dobbs.

2076. How did he know that Mr. Arthur had paid for your freedom?—I could not tell.

2077. *Committee.*]—He knew that the practice was to pay for the freedom on both sides?—Yes.

2078. The freemen do not pay for themselves?—No.

2079. *Mr. Thesiger.*]—Did you go and drink the 25s. out immediately?—Indeed I did, as long as it lasted.

2080. How much did you get for voting for Sir Arthur Chichester?—I do not recollect.

2081. Upon your oath, how much did you get?—Upon my oath I believe it was 5*l*.

2082. *Committee.*]—At this last election?—Yes.

2083. And you would have got 7*l*. 10*s*. from the other side?—Yes.

2084. And as a man of honour you sacrificed 2*l*. 10*s*. to your principles?—Yes.

2085. *Mr. Thesiger.*]—You had also got 25*s*. for your freedom, and you had got 25*s*. to drink out?—I had.

2086. When did you get the 5*l*.?—A neighbour of my own got it; Nathaniel Montgomery gave it to me on Tuesday morning; I voted on Monday.

2087. Where did you get it?—I got it at Nathaniel Montgomery's.

2088. Where is that?—In the Irish Quarter.

2089. Is that in the committee room of Sir Arthur?—It is a public-house.

2090. Was that an open house?—I believe it was.

2091. Have you any doubt of it?—It was.

2092. For all Sir Arthur Chichester's voters?—Yes, for very small sums.

2093. *Committee.*]—How much a-head was given on your side?—I do not know; 5*l*. was all I got.

2094. Did you know any body that got more than that?—I do not know; I never inquired.

2095. What is the most you heard any body get on the other side?—I could not tell.

2096. Did you hear that they got as much as 20*l*.?—I heard of nobody that got as much as Harper.

2097. At the former elections did you vote for money in the same way?—Never; I never had a vote before.

William Johnson called in; and having been sworn; was Examined by
Mr. Follett, as follows.

William Johnson.

2098. YOU are an elector at Carrickfergus?—Yes.

2099. Who did you vote for at the last election?—For Sir Arthur Chichester.

2100. Do you know Mr. David Legg?—Yes.

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2101. Have you ever seen him canvassing for Mr. Dobbs?—Yes.
 2102. Did they canvass you together?—No; Mr. Dobbs himself came to my house.
 2103. Did you see Mr. Dobbs canvassing with Mr. Legg?—Yes, in the neighbourhood.
 2104. Do you know a place called Anderson's Head Inn, at Carrickfergus?—Yes.
 2105. Was that place for the friends of Mr. Dobbs?—I believe it is the house below that he occupied.
 2106. Was there any committee-room there?—Yes.
 2107. For which side?—For Mr. Dobbs.
 2108. Do you remember going there?—I was there one night; I was sent for to go there.
 2109. Did you see Mr. Legg there?—I did.
 2110. Who else did you see?—I saw Jemmie M'Cann.
 2111. When you were there with Mr. Legg, was there any talk about your using any influence with the voters for Mr. Dobbs?—Not with Mr. Legg.
 2112. Who was it with?—James M'Cann took me up stairs.
 2113. At Anderson's?—Yes.
 2114. Did you get a list of voters there?—Yes.
 2115. Was Legg present when you received that paper?—He was not.
 2116. Was any thing said about it while he was there?—Not any thing.
 2117. What was said while Legg was there about the voters?—There was nothing said about that list that night by David Legg.
 2118. But you got a list of voters from M'Cann?—I got it up stairs, in that house; I went further up than where David Legg was in that house.
 2119. Did you see M'Cann in the presence of Legg?—Yes; we spoke together as we passed.
 2120. Who spoke?—David Legg and James M'Cann.
 2121. What did they speak about?—I could not say.
 2122. Was it about the election?—I could not say, for I did not hear it.
 2123. Did M'Cann introduce you to Legg?—He did not.
 2124. Did you receive a letter afterwards from Mr. Legg himself?—Not that night, but the next night; that was the first night of the election.
 2125. Tell me whether that is the letter you got?—[*A letter being shown to the Witness.*]—Yes, that is the letter.

[*The same was delivered in, and read, as follows:*].

DEAR BILLY, Committee Room, Friday Night.
 Come down to-morrow morning, to attend the committee, as you are wanted particularly. Your's truly,

At nine o'clock, Samuel Legg.
 Addressed to Mr. William Johnson, Middle Division.

2126. Who brought you that note?—Three men together.
 2127. Was M'Cann one of them?—Yes.
 2128. Who were the other two?—William Erskine and Richard Erskine.
 2129. Did you see Legg after that?—Yes.
 2130. Where did you go to; did you go to the committee room?—I did not go to the committee room; I met David Legg in the street, and he took me into a house, called Robin Lockhart's, and took me through to the back yard, and insisted that I should vote for Mr. Dobbs.
 2131. What reason did he give you for voting for Mr. Dobbs?—Because I had promised.
 2132. Did he say any thing about what money you were to get?—He had said before that that there would be one-half year's rent paid for me.
 2133. When did he say that?—It was the night before.
 2134. Where was it he said that?—It was in that house, that night before we went up stairs.
 2135. Had you had some talk with Legg then in that house, before you went up stairs?—M'Cann was before me, and I said, that except he paid half-a-year's rent for me, I would not vote for Mr. Dobbs, and he said it should be done, and he spoke no more that night.
 2136. You say, the next day, he took you to the back part of Mr. Lockhart's premises,

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premises, what did he say then?—He said, he would not for 50*l.* that I would vote against him; Mr. Brierley was along with him, and Dr. Marton; Mr. Brierley wished that I should vote for Mr. Dobbs, and asked if I did not recollect what David Legg had said to me the night before.

2137. What did you say to that?—I said, that I did recollect it very well, but I would not vote on that side.

2138. Did Legg say any thing else to you then?—He did not make any more promises; he only said that he would make that good, and urged that I should vote for him.

2139. What was the amount of your half-year's rent?—Six pounds.

2140. Did you tell him that?—I did.

2141. When did you tell him that?—The evening before.

2142. At the bottom of the stairs?—Yes.

2143. And he said it should be done?—Yes.

2144. Did Dr. Marton also say any thing to you about your rent?—He did not say any thing to me about my rent; but he said that what David Legg had said the day before, would be made good.

2145. And you still refused to vote for Mr. Dobbs?—Yes.

2146. What was your reason for voting for Sir Arthur Chichester?—My reason for that was that Mr. Cowan had spoken to me and Mr. Dunn; and I had been at one time a long time in Mr. Dunn's service.

2147. Was either of them your landlord?—No.

2148. It was in consequence of Mr. Dunn and Mr. Cowan speaking to you?—It was partly that, and particularly that.

2149. That house of Robert Lockhart's was a public-house, was not it?—It was.

2150. Were there people drinking there?—I think there were.

2151. Did not you see the voters there?—I think I did.

2152. On which side were they?—I think principally Mr. Dobbs.

2153. Did you see them pay any thing for their drink?—I could not say for that.

2154. Did you see any of them pay?—I saw them pay at different times during the election.

2155. Who did you see pay?—Different people in that house; but I could not say any body that I knew.

2156. Will you swear that you saw any body pay?—No, I do not recollect seeing any body.

2157. Had you any thing to drink there yourself?—I do not recollect that I had; I think I had not.

2158. What were you doing there?—I was only there that day, going through.

2159. I thought you said you were there several times?—I was going out and going in; it was an open house.

2160. Had you any thing to drink there?—I do not recollect that I drank any thing there.

2161. Did you eat any thing?—I did not.

2162. What did you go there for?—I was going in and out, and I do not recollect any errand that I had.

2163. Did you go there to drink?—I do not recollect drinking any thing there.

2164. What did you mean by saying that it was an open house?—We count a public house an open house for any body to go into.

2165. But it was more open during the election than at any other time?—Not that I know of; but I heard it said that it was.

Cross-examined by Mr. Harrison.

2166. Did you act as local district committee-man for Mr. Dobbs?—I did not do any thing for him, for I had no time.

2167. Did you act any one day during the election, or previous to it, as a local district committee-man for Mr. Dobbs?—No, I did not, for I went home, and I changed my mind. I had been appointed a local committee-man for Mr. Dobbs.

2168. When had you been appointed a local committee-man?—I never knew any thing of it till I was sent for the night before the election.

2169. What time of the day was that?—In the evening.

2170. At what time in the evening?—I could not say; I think it was by candle-light.

2171. And then I understand you, you changed your mind afterwards?—I did.

2172. When

2172. When did you change your mind?—I changed it the next morning.
 2173. At what time the next morning did you change it?—I do not recollect at what time in the morning; it was after I had got my breakfast.
 2174. Did you talk with any body about changing your mind?—I went down to the town.
 2175. Where to?—Near to where they were polling; I went down to the house.
 2176. What house?—The Court-house.
 2177. You said you had been in at Lockhart's the day before, and you told my learned friend you had been there two or three times; upon your oath did you not go to that house as one of the local committee for Mr. Dobbs?—I did not.
 2178. Were there not tallies at that house?—Not that I know of.
 2179. Upon your oath did you not go there as a local district committee-man for Mr. Dobbs?—I did not; the first time that I went there was when David Legg pressed me at the door.
 2180. How many times were you there in the course of that night afterwards?—I do not recollect.
 2181. Were you there half a dozen times?—Not so many.
 2182. Will you swear that you were not there half a dozen times?—I think I could swear that I was not.
 2183. What carried you there half a dozen times?—After I had gone with David Legg, I considered myself free; and I then went to see if there were any neighbours there to go home.
 2184. How far do you live off from Carrickfergus?—A mile and a half, about.
 2185. What are you?—A farmer.
 2186. When did you tell any of the story that you have been telling here about Mr. Legg's having applied to you, to any of Sir Arthur Chichester's friends?—I do not recollect.
 2187. To whom did you give the letter first?—To Mr. Dunn.
 2188. When?—I think it was the Thursday before I was summoned.
 2189. Do you mean to say that you had not told any body before that, you had got that letter?—I had told it to different people.
 2190. Who did you tell it to first?—I do not recollect; but I have showed it to different people.
 2191. What did you get for voting for Sir Arthur Chichester?—Nothing.
 2192. Neither before nor after?—Neither before nor after.
 2193. And no promise of any thing?—No.
 2194. What did Mr. Cowan say to you when he canvassed you?—He never promised me one penny.
 2195. Nor Mr. Dunn?—No.
 2196. Did they promise to pay the rent?—No, they did not.
 2197. Have they paid the rent?—No.
 2198. Who paid the rent?—I paid the rent myself.
 2199. Do you mean to swear that you paid the rent?—I paid it at two different payments.
 2200. Who gave you the money to pay it?—My step son gave me part of it.
 2201. Who is your step-son?—He works with Mr. Dunn, as a painter; he had earned it of Mr. Dunn by his trade; he and another son that I have frequently pay my rent.
 2202. Cannot you get money enough to pay your rent yourself?—They diet with me, and they paid part of the rent for the diet.
 2203. Who paid the rent?—I do not recollect; another part of my family work with Mr. Cowan.
 2204. Then you got part of your rent from part of your family that works with Mr. Dunn, and the rest from a part of your family that works with Mr. Cowan?—I think so.
 2205. How soon after the election did you get those two sums to pay your rent?—A good while after.
 2206. What do you mean by a good while?—It was not instantly.
 2207. Was it a week?—I think it was a month or six weeks before any of it was paid.
 2208. When was it due?—It was due in November.
 2209. Do you mean to state that it was not paid till a month or six weeks after the election?—Yes.

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2210. What were the part of your family that work at Mr. Cowan's; were they girls or boys?—Girls.
 2211. Who is Mr. Cowan?—He keeps a cotton factory.
 2212. How old are those girls?—There is one of them 23 years of age.
 2213. How old is the other?—About 20.
 2214. What wages have they a week?—They have 3s. 6d. a piece.
 2215. Upon your oath, do you mean the Committee to believe that your two daughters, earning 3s. 6d. a week, contribute to pay your rent?—I have another daughter.
 2216. What does she earn?—I think it is 2s. 6d.
 2217. Do you mean to swear that part of your rent was paid by your three daughters, two of them receiving 3s. 6d., and the other 2s. 6d.?—Yes, part of my rent was paid by them, and frequently is paid by them.
 2218. Do they receive their money weekly?—Yes, they do.
 2219. Do they live in your house?—Yes, they do.
 2220. All of them?—Yes.

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2221. Your daughters live with you, and have their meat and drink at your house?—Yes.
 2222. Do you find them their clothes too?—No, they buy their own clothes; but they preserve a little money for themselves out of their wages for their clothes.
 2223. And the rest you get from them?—Yes.
 2224. And it is part of that money that you paid your rent with?—Yes.
 2225. Who is the person that you sold works for Mr. Dunn?—My step-son and my own son.
 2226. Do they live with you?—Yes.
 2227. And you had the rest of the money from them?—Yes.
 2228. When did you pay your rent?—I do not recollect.
 2229. Was it paid since the election?—Yes, I paid it in two payments; I pay it as I can get the money.
 2230. Committee.]—You say that Cowan employed your daughters?—Yes.
 2231. And he had influence enough over you to prevent you voting for Mr. Dobbs?—Yes.
 2232. He would have turned away your daughters if you had voted for Mr. Dobbs?—Yes, I consider so.
 2233. He is a friend of Sir Arthur's?—Yes.
 2234. Then you got nothing at all for voting for Sir Arthur?—Yes.
 2235. But you pretended to be a friend of Mr. Dobbs while you were going to his committee room?—I thought at first, when Mr. Dobbs canvassed me, that I was obligated on account of my honour to vote for him, and then I came to understand that I was most obligated to the other two gentlemen.
 2236. And so you lost the 6*l*. for the election?—I did.

[The Witness was ordered to withdraw.]

George McCann called in; and having been sworn; was Examined by Mr. Pollock, as follows.

George McCann.

2237. ARE you a publican at Carrickfergus?—I keep a public-house.
 2238. Have you got your warrant?—I have.
 2239. Let me look at it?—*[The Witness produced the same, and it was shown to Mr. Pollock.]*
 2240. Can you read?—I can.
 2241. Have you got your books here?—I have got a copy from my book.
 2242. Does that contain all that is mentioned here?—I think so.
 2243. Did you make this copy yourself?—I did not.
 2244. Did you examine it with the book?—I did.
 2245. Was it correct?—Quite correct.
 2246. You brought it in order to save the trouble of bringing your book?—Yes.
 2247. What is this an account of?—It is an account of the election.
 2248. That is, you mean an account of what was had at your house during the election?—Yes.
 2249. Was your house an open house?—It was always open at proper hours.
 2250. Do not you know what an open house at an election means?—I do not;
 I know

I know as far as this, that if a person gets an order to keep a house open, that would be an open house, but mine was not.

2251. What account is this you have brought here?—That is an account of all the liquor expended in my house during the election.

2252. Is that paid for?—It is not.

2253. How many people consumed this liquor?—I do not know.

2254. A great number?—I cannot tell the number.

2255. Were not there a great number?—Most likely there was.

2256. Were not there a great many people drank and ate at your house during the election?—I do not know that there was any eating; that is for drinking.

2257. This is all drinking is it?—To the best of my knowledge it is.

2258. What is the meaning of "Sundries"?—That is taken off the book.

2259. You have got whole pages of "Sundries," is that the way in which it is entered in your book?—Yes.

2260. Who is that charged to?—I expect that Mr. Dobbs will pay me for it.

2261. Why do you expect that Mr. Dobbs will pay you for it?—Because I was a friend of his side.

2262. And therefore you expect that Mr. Dobbs will pay for all that you chose to give away?—Yes.

2263. Is that what the Committee are to understand?—Yes.

2264. And you had no orders to give away any thing?—I had no orders.

2265. How much is the amount of this account?—It is 100*l.* 1*s.* 6*d.*

2266. And you mean to state to the Committee that you have let people have to the amount of 100*l.* without any orders?—I do.

2267. Have you had any money on account?—No.

2268. Not a farthing?—No.

2269. There is no part of that account paid?—None.

2270. What other money have you had?—I have had money that I am not going to tell you about.

[*The Witness was informed by the Chairman that he must answer the question.*]

2271. Now tell me what other money you have had?—I have had money from Mr. Legg.

2272. How much?—I suppose it might be about 100*l.*

2273. Perhaps 150*l.*?—No, not so much as that.

2274. One hundred and twenty pounds?—Yes, I suppose about that.

2275. When did Mr. Legg pay you that money?—He did not pay me the money, but I got about 125*l.*

2276. Did he give it you all at once?—He did not.

2277. What was the sum he gave you first?—I could not recollect, it might be from fifty to twenty.

2278. *Committee.*]—Was it on account of the drink that you got this money?—I do not think it was.

2279. For general election purposes?—Yes.

2280. Then you were a general election agent?—I do not think I was an agent; I certainly was an active man on the side.

2281. Mr. Pollock.]—What did he say to you when he gave you that?—I do not recollect what he said.

2282. *Committee.*]—What did he give it to you for?—For the purpose of electioneering.

2283. Mr. Pollock.]—For what electioneering purpose?—Most likely to give it the voters.

2284. Did he say so?—He did not, but I took it for that.

2285. How came he to give it to you?—I asked him for it.

2286. Did you tell him that you wanted it for that?—I did.

2287. What did you do with the first sum he gave to you?—I gave it to two men.

2288. Was William M'Dermot one?—No; I gave it to two men.

2289. *Committee.*]—To two voters for their votes?—Yes, after the election was over.

2290. What were their names?—James Robinson.

2291. How much did you give Robinson?—About 7*l.*

2292. How much did you give the other?—Either five or six.

2293. Who were they to vote for?—They voted for Mr. Dobbs.

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2294. Mr. Pollack.]—Who was the other man? A man of the name of Maine.
2295. That is only a small part of the money you got from Mr. Legg the first time; what did you do with the rest of the first sum he gave you?—I gave some of it to women.
2296. To the wives of voters?—Most likely.
2297. About how many women?—I could not say; I will tell as many as I can recollect.
2298. What were their names?—There was one M'Dermot.
2299. Is she the wife of William M'Dermot, a labourer?—Yes.
2300. Living in North Gate?—Yes.
2301. *Committee.*]—Was M'Dermot a voter?—Yes.
2302. Did he vote for Mr. Dobbs?—Yes.
2303. How much did you give him?—I think it was seven or eight pounds.
2304. Mr. Pollack.]—Who was the other?—Allan.
2305. What is her husband?—I think he is a labourer, John Allan; he lives in North-street.
2306. How much did you give him?—Four or five pounds.
2307. Did he vote for Mr. Dobbs?—He did.
2308. When had you seen any of those persons first about giving their votes?—At the time of the election.
2309. Did you take any of them up to vote?—I did.
2310. Did you see them go?—I suppose I did see some of them.
2311. *Committee.*]—How did you know that they had earned the money, if you had not seen them vote?—I saw them in the tally-room.
2312. Mr. Pollack.]—Had not you told them to come back to you when they had voted?—I had.
2313. And that they should get their money?—Yes.
2314. And some you saw go to poll?—Some I did.
2315. And you got information of the rest that they had polled?—Yes.
2316. What was the second sum that Mr. Legg gave you?—I could not tell you the second sum, but I can tell you the gross amount.
2317. Do you remember any more people that you gave the money to?—I do; I gave money to Sam McClellan.
2318. Was he a voter?—Yes.
2319. They were all voters, were not they?—Yes.
2320. How much did you give McClellan?—About 5*l.*; the man came to me; I gave it to him after he had voted.
2321. Who else?—Alek Stewart.
2322. Any to his brother Andrew?—I gave it to his wife, 10*l.*
2323. How much to Andrew?—I gave 10*l.* to each of them; I gave it to them after they had voted.
2324. You gave 20*l.* for the two votes?—Yes.
2325. Was there another Alek Stewart, a carpenter?—I do not know any.
2326. Did you give James Murphy any?—No.
2327. Nor his wife?—No.
2328. Tell me any body else?—I do not know any body else.
2329. *Committee.*]—Did you render an account of the money to any body?—I did not; I expect it to be rendered to Mr. Dobbs.
2330. Mr. Pollack.]—Have you kept any account of the way in which you spent this money?—I have not; I could not have done it.
2331. *Committee.*]—Did you give any of it to any but people that voted for Mr. Dobbs, or to their wives for them?—I did not.
2332. Did you give the entire of the money away?—I did not.
2333. How much have you kept for yourself?—I could not say.
2334. Have you kept 100*l.* of it?—I have not.
2335. Eighty?—I have not.
2336. How are you to account for the money to Mr. Dobbs, if you have not kept any account?—Just in the way I am doing in my evidence now.
2337. Mr. Pollack.]—Will you swear that you have not paid away 80*l.*?—I will.
2338. Seventy?—I will.
2339. Sixty?—I will.
2340. Fifty?—I could not come quite to that on my oath.

2341. Have

2341. Have you kept the rest?—I have the rest; and I will account to any gentleman for the rest. *George McCann.*

2342. *Committee.*]—How can you account for it, if you do not know how much the rest is?—According to the evidence I have given. *9 April 1835.*

2343. How much have you accounted for?—About 40*l.*

2344. Mr. Pollock.]—Do you know William Anderson?—I do.

2345. Did you give him any?—I did not.

2346. Did you offer him any?—No.

2347. Nor his wife?—No.

2348. Upon your oath, did not you offer either him or his wife 10*l.*?—I did not; I know but one William Anderson, and he has no wife.

2349. William Henderson, of North Gate?—Yes, I know him.

2350. Did not you offer him 10*l.*?—I did not, but I gave him 6*l.*

2351. Do you know Murphy, a weaver, in North Gate?—I do.

2352. Did not you give him that sum, or his wife?—No.

2353. John M'Gowan?—No.

2354. Nor his wife?—No.

2355. Nor anybody for him?—No.

2356. Edmund Wheeler; do you know him?—I do.

2357. Did not you give him some money, or his wife?—I have given him some little money.

2358. How much?—About two or three pounds.

2359. What did you give that money for?—I do not know; it was after he voted; I think it was on account of the election; he was sent to me; I am in the habit of giving money at different times, without electioneering purposes.

2360. Did not you pay it out of this 120*l.*?—It is most likely.

2361. Is not it certain?—It is; this Wheeler is a man that runs about the quay, and I am in the habit of giving him money when he does not get work.

2362. Two or three pounds at a time?—No, not at a time, but at several times.

2363. Have not you given money to any one of the name of M'Gowan?—Not to my knowledge.

2364. Can you remember anybody else?—No, I cannot.

2365. Do not you know that Wheeler had promised to vote for Sir Arthur Chichester?—I do not.

2366. Did not you know that your money brought him over to vote for Mr. Dobbs?—I know nothing of it.

2367. Can you give me anybody else that you gave money to?—I do not know anybody else; I am but a stranger in the corporation, and I do not know people's names; and if you can call over the names, I will try and recollect.

2368. How many more do you think there were?—I do not know of any at present.

2369. Where did you generally give those people the money?—I gave it to them in the street, and in my own house.

2370. Where you happened to meet with them?—Yes.

2371. Where was it you received the money?—I received some of it at Samuel Stewart's, a grocer, at Carrickfergus, and some in Mr. Paul's.

2372. *Committee.*]—The Reverend Mr. Paul's?—Yes.

2373. Mr. Pollock.]—Was that where Mr. Dobbs lived, while he was at Carrickfergus?—I do not know.

2374. Did you see him there?—I did.

2375. Who were present when you received any part of the money?—I do not know any body except Mr. Stewart; there might be people there that I knew nothing of.

2376. Did you receive money from any body else, besides Mr. Legg?—I did not.

2377. You are quite sure of that?—Certain.

2378. Did you see other people giving money for the same purpose?—Not to my knowledge.

2379-80. Did you see Dr. Marton give any?—I did not.

2381. Nor Mr. Penny?—No.

2382. Nor Mr. Paul Logan?—No.

2383. Nor Mr. Wilson, Mr. Legg's clerk?—No.

2384. There is another James Wilson?—Yes.

2385. Do you mean to swear that you did not see him give any?—No.

2386. But all the people you have mentioned were very active for Mr. Dobbs's party

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party, were not they?—I know nothing of them; I saw them in the street at the time the polling was going on, going backwards and forwards.

2387. Is that an exact copy of your book?—It is.

2388. Summaries, page after page, without any date, and without any particulars?—Yes.

2389. And no names?—Yes.

2390. *Committee.*]—Are the persons to whom you gave that liquor responsible to you?—I could not say, but I have been led to think that Mr. Dobbs will pay me for that, on account of my giving it to his friends.

2391. Did any person desire you to give it to his friends?—No.

2392. *Mr. Pollock.*]—Do you mean to say that that is all that is owing to you for the election at Carrickfergus, for the town election?—I do not.

2393. What else is due to you for the town election? There is about 15*l.* worth of coals owing to me; I gave them to the poor after the election was over, by an order from Mr. Legg.

2394. Tell me whether you had not a sum of money owing to you before the election, for the Carrickfergus election?—I had different sums of money owing to me before that.

2395. For the Carrickfergus election?—I do not know whether it was for the Carrickfergus election.

2396. *Committee.*]—What was it?—I am in the habit of giving a good deal of drink upon credit.

2397. Without having down the names of the people to whom you give it?—Yes.

2398. Who is to pay?—I expect that Mr. Dobbs will pay me.

2399. How much is that beyond this account?—About 50*l.*

2400. *Committee.*]—What is the size of the book from which you took that extract?—It is the day-book.

2401. Is it all taken from one book?—All from one book; just a common book.

2402. Is it as big as this?—[*A volume of the Journals.*]—No, it is not.

2403. Do you mean to say that your only reason for not bringing it was its size?—I do not; but my house is convenient to the sea; I am in the habit of giving a good deal of credit to seafaring people, and I do not know the time when they will come in and ask for their accounts.

2404. *Mr. Pollock.*]—Have you brought any letters to town?—Not that I know of; I had no letters to bring.

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2405. How long before the election was the drink to the amount of 50*l.* supplied?—I think it was two or three months; the 50*l.* was not all before the election; it was before and after the election.

2406. A portion of the 50*l.* was supplied before the election, two or three months?—Yes.

2407. And the rest of it was supplied after the election?—It was.

2408. Is this a correct copy of that book, in every respect?—It is, to my knowledge.

2409. You examined it with the original, did not you?—I did.

2410. *Committee.*]—Is it in your own hand-writing?—It is not.

2411. Did you compare it, item by item?—I did not.

2412. *Mr. Theisiger.*]—How do you know that it is a correct copy?—I was told so by the man that did it.

2413. I understood you to say that you had examined it with the original; was it so or not?—It was not.

2414. Then you have trusted to the accuracy of the person that copied it?—I did.

2415. How do you know that it is a correct copy of the book?—I think it is.

2416. Is it merely from your recollection of what the original book contained, and looking to this copy now, that you say it is correct?—I think it is.

2417. Was the original book rolled up at all?—Yes, it was, some of it; I do not keep the house myself.

2418. Was the original book, of which you have been speaking, taken from any thing?—There were slips of paper.

2419. How often was the original book made up from the slips of paper?—I could not say.

2420. When

2420. When did you first begin to keep the account of the drink?—I cannot tell; I do not keep the house myself; it is in my name, but I do not keep it myself.

2421. Had you any order from any person to open your house?—None whatever.

2422. Have you belonged to the independent party for some time?—I have not; this is the first time.

2423. Have you had a note before this election?—Never.

2424. *Committee.*]—You were as active as you could be for Mr. Dobbs?—Yes.

2425. You were in connection with Mr. Legg, and getting money from him?—I was.

2426. Mr. *Thengier*.]—You do not keep the house yourself?—My wife and family keep the house; I go to sea.

2427. You say you were active for Mr. Dobbs; were not the independent party in general very active for Mr. Dobbs?—I saw a good many very active persons on both sides.

2428. Did you see a number of persons of influence in the town of Carrickfergus canvassing for Mr. Dobbs?—I did not; I saw three or four persons canvass for him.

2429. Who were those three or four?—Mr. Dobbs, Mr. Dalway and Doctor Marton; those were the people that canvassed me.

2430. They were canvassing in your quarter?—Yes.

2431. The persons that were canvassing in the other quarters you did not know?—No.

2432. Do you know whether there were persons assembling in different districts to forward the election?—I do not know.

2433. You never attended any local committee?—Never.

2434. Had you received any promise to have your bill paid for this drink?—I had not.

2435. And you received no orders to open your house?—I had not.

2436. With regard to this sum of 125*l.*, have you been asked to render any account of it?—I have not.

2437. Have you had the slightest communication with Mr. Dobbs upon the subject of the 125*l.*?—No.

2438. You received it, you say, from Mr. Legg, without any communication with Mr. Dobbs?—I did.

2439. Do not you expect to have to account for it to Mr. Legg, from whom you received it?—I do when any gentleman pays me the balance.

2440. Do not you expect to account to Mr. Legg for the amount?—I do.

2441. *Committee.*]—In that account you will charge the liquor on one side, and credit the money?—Yes, if I can.

2442. You intend to do it?—I do.

2443. Mr. *Thengier*.]—Have you received any orders to make out any account of this kind?—I have not.

2444. And it is solely your expectation upon the subject?—That is all.

2445. *Committee.*]—Upon your oath, cannot you give the Committee a more satisfactory account than you have done of the money you have received?—I cannot.

2446. You have paid about 40*l.* of it away, and the remainder is in your own possession?—Yes.

2447. Do you mean to say you have about 80*l.* reserve in your own possession?—I have.

2448. Is it in the bank?—No, it is not.

2449. Is it in notes?—I do not know that.

2450. With whom did you leave it?—It is likely with my wife.

2451. Do not you know whether you left it with your wife or not?—I did leave it with her.

2452. In notes or in gold?—In notes.

2453. When did you leave it with her?—I left it with my wife, and then I took it from her again.

2454. You mixed it with your other money?—Yes.

2455. Are you to be paid for your trouble?—I do not want to be paid for my trouble in that way.

2456. Are you to pay yourself?—No.

2457. Did you give the whole of the notes to your wife in a pocket-book or a purse?—I gave them to her according as I got them.

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2438. And you took from her again the money you wished to pay away?—Yes, I did.

2439. Do not you know how much she had?—I do not know; she may have 70*l.* or 80*l.* of it.

2440. Did you see any of those notes in her possession when you came away?—No.

2441. Did your wife, in your presence, or your daughter, in your presence, receive any orders to open the house?—None, that I know of.

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2462. You say you are a sailor, and go frequently to sea?—I do.

2463. Were you not at Carrickfergus during the whole of the election?—I was.

2464. Then you saw the house open, and the voters drinking in it day after day?—I did.

2465. Had you been at sea lately before the election?—I had not.

2466. How lately had you been at sea before the election?—I was not at sea since September, since I was pilot to His Majesty's cutter.

2467. During the time you were at home, were you not following your business as a publican?—I was not.

2468. What then?—As a coal broker and merchant.

2469. When was your house first opened for the voters?—I could not say.

2470. Were not you at home every day?—Every night I was.

2471. To what hour does your coal brokage keep you out?—To night fall.

2472. Were there not voters drinking much later than that every day of the election?—There were.

2473. Did not you know that they did not pay for what they had?—I did.

2474. Did not you inquire how it happened that they drank without paying for it?—I did.

2475. Did you inquire of your wife?—Yes.

2476. What did you learn from her?—She told me that she expected Mr. Dobbs would pay for it.

2477. Did she tell you who had given her the orders to open the house?—She did not.

2478. *Committee.*]—Did she tell you why she expected Mr. Dobbs would pay for it?—Because a good many of the independent side came there.

2479. Is Mr. Legg one of the independent side?—Yes, he is.

2480. *Mr. Pollock.*]—Do you mean the Committee to understand, upon your oath, that you did not know who gave the orders for opening the house?—I do.

2481. In how many times did Mr. Legg give you this 125*l.*?—I suppose about four or five times.

2482. Did you tell him that you had not spent above 40*l.*?—When I went to him afterwards, I told him nothing at all about it.

2483. You went to him for more money, and he gave you more money without inquiry?—Yes.

2484. *Committee.*]—Did not he ask you what had become of the money?—He did not.

2485. *Mr. Pollock.*]—But he gave you money from time to time as you went to him?—Yes.

2486. *Committee.*]—It was only ask and have?—Yes.

Paul Logan called in; and having been sworn; was Examined by
Mr. Follett, as follows.

Paul Logan.

2487. I BELIEVE you are a spirit-dealer from Carrickfergus?—Yes, I do sell spirits.

2488. I believe you have been served with a Speaker's summons to bring your books here?—Yes.

2489. Have you brought them?—No, I have no books relating to the Carrickfergus election.

2490. Have you brought no books with you at all?—Not any.

2491. Have you any claim for any liquor supplied during the election?—Not any.

2492. Will you swear that?—I do most positively.

2493. Had

2493. Had you no voters at your house?—No voters got drink from me in that way.

2494. Did you supply any liquor in any way?—I sold liquor as usual.

2495. Did you supply any liquor to Mr. Dobbs's friends?—Not in consequence of accounts to Mr. Dobbs or his friends.

2496. That you swear?—I do.

2497. Did you get any money during the election from Mr. Legg?—No, he was rather in the way of getting money occasionally from me.

2498. What do you mean by that?—He was borrowing occasionally from me.

2499. What money did you let him have during the election?—I cannot positively say, because I have lent him fifty or sixty pounds; and if he had not the money when I called upon him, I drew a bill upon him.

2500. *Committee.*]—You must know about how much you lent him during the election?—I can tell how many bills I drew.

2501. How many bills did you draw?—I think there were two before the election.

2502. *Mr. Follett.*]—Did you draw bills upon him which he accepted?—Yes.

2503. Where did you discount them?—At the Provincial Bank.

2504. And you got the money for them at the bank?—Yes.

2505. Have you a list of the bills?—I lost the memorandum, and I wrote to the bank for the dates of the bills, and I got the dates of two of the bills, and there were two after those.

2506. Give me the dates of those?—The first was for 50*l.*, I think it is due upon the second of February in this year; and there is another for 63*l.*, due the 31st of March in this year.

2507. *Committee.*]—Are they paid?—I believe so; I have had no account from the bank of them, and that makes me think that they are paid.

2508. *Mr. Follett.*]—What other bills are there?—There is one for 100*l.*, and one for 24*l.*

2509. What did you do with the money which you got for those bills?—I handed it over to him.

2510. Did you get any back from him?—I got whatever he owed me before the bills were drawn.

2511. Did you get any other money from him?—No.

2512. Will you swear that you have not received back from Mr. Legg any part of the money for which those bills were drawn, for other purposes besides to pay your own debts?—Not a shilling but what he really was indebted to me.

2513. Did you get no money to give to voters?—Not any.

2514. Upon your solemn oath, did you receive any money from Legg to give to voters?—I received no money to give to voters; there was 10*l.* left at my house to give to a man that had an open house.

2515. Who left that 10*l.*?—Mr. Legg.

2516. What was the name of the man that kept an open house?—Bailey.

2517. And you gave that 10*l.* to him?—Yes.

2518. What other money did you give to voters during the election?—I gave no money to voters during the election.

2519. That you swear?—That I swear.

2520. Not a farthing?—Not a farthing, to my knowledge.

2521. Or to their wives?—Or to their wives.

2522. Then you mean to swear that all you had to do with getting money from Legg, was drawing bills upon him, and getting money for the bills, and handing it over to him?—That was all.

2523. *Committee.*]—What did Legg want this money for?—I do not know; before this time I had often lent Mr. Legg 100*l.*

2524. *Mr. Follett.*]—Do not you know what Mr. Legg wanted this money for at the election?—I do not; I do not know what use he put it to.

2525. Upon your oath, do not you know what he wanted it for?—I do not.

2526. He did not tell you?—Not to the best of my knowledge, that I remember.

2527. Will you venture to swear that he did not tell you what he wanted it for?—I do not recollect that he said what he wanted it for; he said he was short of money, and he asked if I would lend him so and so.

2528. Did not he tell you he wanted this money for the election?—Not to my knowledge.

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2529. Will you swear that he did not?—I will swear that I do not know what use he put this money to.

2530. Do you mean to swear that Mr. Legg did not tell you what he wanted the money for?—To the best of my knowledge, he did not.

2531. Will you swear that he did not tell you that he wanted it for the election?—To the best of my knowledge, he did not.

2532. *Committee.*]—Did not you talk about the election, at the time you were talking about the money?—Indeed, I do not recollect; it was rather before the election.

2533. Did not you talk about the election?—No doubt we did; but to the best of my knowledge he did not say what he wanted the money for.

2534. *Mr. Follett.*]—Did not you know that he wanted the money for the election?—I cannot swear that.

2535. Upon your oath, did not you know what it was for?—I did not.

2536. *Committee.*]—Have you any doubt it was for the election?—I have no doubt; he might put it to the election, but I cannot swear that he did; I will not swear that he did not put it to electioneering uses, but I cannot swear that he did so.

2537. Do not you believe that this was money for electioneering purposes?—I cannot swear that it was for those purposes, but I have no doubt it was.

2538. *Mr. Follett.*]—You knew at the time you drew the bills that he wanted it for those purposes?—I did not know it.

2539. *Committee.*]—Did you never talk with Mr. Legg about the election?—Several times.

2540. Did not you talk fifty times with him about the election?—Yes.

2541. *Mr. Follett.*]—During all this talk about the election, did not he ever talk about this money?—Certainly we talked about the money he was getting from me.

2542. Do you mean to say you did not know from him that he was using the money for election purposes?—It might be the case, but I cannot say positively that it was the case.

2543. Will you swear you did not ask any man for his vote, for Mr. Dobbs?—I asked several; I asked my father and my brother.

2544. And several others, not connected with your family?—I have no doubt that I did.

2545. Did you pay any money to any of them?—Not a shilling.

2546. Did you tell any of them where they would get it?—No.

2547. Will you swear you did not tell any man or his wife that they might go to Mr. Legg and get some of this money?—Neither to the man or the wife, that I swear most positively.

2548. Do you know a person of the name of John Garner?—I do.

2549. Do you know William Hall?—I do.

2550. Had you any talk with him about voting for Mr. Dobbs?—I talked with Garner, but I do not recollect talking with Hall about the election at all.

2551. Will you swear that you did not ask him to vote for Mr. Dobbs?—I will swear that to the best of my knowledge I did not, because he kept an open house upon the other side, I believe.

2552. Will you swear that you did not offer him money to vote for Mr. Dobbs?—I will swear most positively that I never offered him a shilling.

2553. Did you say that he would get 10*l.* if he voted for Mr. Dobbs?—I did not.

2554. Will you swear that you did not tell him he would get money if he voted for Mr. Dobbs?—I am sure that I never spoke to him about voting for Mr. Dobbs.

2555. Will you swear that you did not tell William Hall that he would get money if he voted for Mr. Dobbs?—I swear positively that I did not.

2556. And no such thing took place with any other person?—Nor with any other person, in point of money.

2557. You have mentioned four bills, the money of which you say you handed over to Mr. Legg; is that all?—That is all the money transaction.

2558. *Mr. Legg.* I think you say, paid you part of this money for a debt due to you?—He paid me whatever money he had borrowed from me.

2559. Did he pay you also for whiskey?—Not any; there was no whiskey to pay me for.

2560. You sent no whiskey to the voters?—No, it is not sold in our house in that way.

2561. Did you send it out of your house for the voters?—Not any.

2562. Do

2562. Do not you know of whiskey being sent to the out voters who live out of the town of Carrickfergus?—There was no whiskey sent by me.

2563. Do you know a place called Derucrow?—I do.

2564. Were you there during the election?—I was not there at all about the election time.

2565. And you sent no whiskey there?—No.

2566. You gave no orders for any to go there?—No.

2567. Am I to understand that the only money you paid at the election was the 10*l.* to Bailey for opening his house?—Yes, it is; Legg left it at my house to give to him.

2568. It was a part of the money I suppose you got from those bills?—I cannot take upon me to say that.

2569. Did not you learn that from Legg?—No, I am inclined to think it was not; I think he met me in the street, and said that Bailey's whiskey was done, and I was to give him that 10*l.*

2570. What 10*l.*?—Ten pounds that Mr. Legg handed over to me to give to him.

2571. Where did he give you the 10*l.*?—He either left it at my house or gave it me in the street; I cannot say which.

2572. He gave it to you himself, did he?—I cannot swear that positively; but I rather think he did.

2573. Are you in the habit of furnishing Robert Lockhart with spirits?—No.

2574. Did you furnish him with any about the time of the election?—Not a single drop.

2575. Nor any body else?—Nor any body else in that way; Robert Lockhart got no spirits from me.

2576. Committee.]—Are you a wholesale seller of whiskey?—I am.

2577. Did you sell any to that gentleman?—Not a drop.

2578. Do you supply Lockhart at all?—Not any.

2579. Who supplies him?—I think he gets it from Belfast.

2580. Do you not supply any public-house keepers in Carrickfergus?—I will not say but there are some of them that get spirits from me; but very few of them.

2581. Tell me some of them that get spirits from you?—I cannot mention a single person that buys spirits from me to sell again.

2582. Can you mention any public-houses in the country around Carrickfergus?—There is a man of the name of Finlay.

2583. Does Sam Erskine get spirits from you?—Not at all.

2584. And you gave him none during the election?—Not a drop.

2585. Were you a member of Mr. Dobbs's committee?—I was not.

2586. Were you a member of any committee?—I was not.

2587. Mr. *Thesiger*.]—Do you know of any committee of Mr. Dobbs's?—I do not.

Mr. *John Kidd* called in; and having been sworn; was Examined by Mr. *Pollock*, as follows.

Mr.
John Kidd.

2588. HAVE you found Mr. Dobbs's letter that led to the resolution of the 29th of October 1832?—I have all Mr. Dobbs's letters.

2589. How many are there?—Two; the 22d of October is one of them, and the 30th of October is the other.

2590. Hand them in if you please.

The Letters were shown to the Agent for the Sitting Member and admitted to be in Mr. Dobbs's hand-writing.

[*The same were delivered in and read, as follows.*]

" My dear Sir,

" Acton Sanderager, October 22, 1832.

" Enclosed I send you 2*l.* 1*s.* for the Conservative Society. Our fellows are rather cautious in giving their money, having subscribed formerly to the Brunswick Clubs, and not feeling satisfied as to the manner in which the money was laid out. I have not, however, been urgent with them to subscribe as yet, feeling desirous that they should become interested in the society by reading its proceedings in the *Mail*, (which I circulate among them) and that their contributions should follow, which I am satisfied will be the case.

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Mr.
John Kell
9 April 1833.

They are anxiously looking for some sort of Magazine which will give them information respecting it. They will willingly pay one penny for each which will help to relieve the Society as to expense. When you shall have set such a thing afloat, if you will send me a parcel by coach, I will undertake to have them circulated, and receive their mites to transmit to the Society. The following names I should like to have inserted in the Mail of Wednesday, that I may show them to the few who have come forward, and induce others to do so likewise.

" Believe me, dear Sir,

" Yours, very faithfully,

" Conway R. Dobbs."

" Addressed to Rev. C. Boyton."

	£.	s.	d.
Davis Lucas, Esq. Dreamargool House - - - - -	1	1	-
C. S. - - - - -	6	6	-
E. M. - - - - -	2	6	-
John Nelson - - - - -	1	-	-
Elizabeth Convery - - - - -	1	-	-
Sarah Anderson - - - - -	1	-	-
James Keston - - - - -	1	-	-
Moses Keterich - - - - -	1	-	-
James Fleming - - - - -	1	-	-
Thomas Gay - - - - -	1	-	-
James Tigart - - - - -	1	-	-
Jane Crowthers - - - - -	1	-	-
Thomas Anderson - - - - -	1	-	-
John Fletcher - - - - -	1	-	-
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" SUBSCRIPTIONS TO CONSERVATIVE SOCIETY."

	£.	s.	d.	Quantity.
15th Oct. James Parker, Esq. Mount Kearsy, cosnty Down	1	-	-	
Mrs. Lucas, Dreamargool House - - - - -	10	-	-	
Her five Children - - - - -	5	-	-	
William M'Murray - - - - -	1	-	-	
T. T. - - - - -	1	-	-	
Edward Lucas, Esq. Acton Lodge - - - - -	1	-	-	
John Mathews - - - - -	1	-	-	
T. P. - - - - -	6	-	-	
Joseph Poole - - - - -	6	-	-	
Alexander Jamieson - - - - -	6	-	-	
	£. 2	-	6	

" Dear Sir,

" I enclose two pounds and sixpence for the C. Society, which I will thank you to have acknowledged in Monday's paper.

" Very faithfully, yours,

" Addressed to Rev. C. Boyton."

" Conway Dobbs."

2591. Will you look at the minute-book of the Conservative Society, at the date of the 29th of October, where you see a letter referred to, do you not find such a letter as that?—I know nothing of this letter, and I do not remember ever having seen such a thing.

2592. Then do you mean to say that such a letter has never reached your depository?—I do.

Sir George Rich, further Examined, as follows.

Sir
George Rich.

2593. CAN you state what is the letter referred to in this minute of the 29th of October, at a meeting of the committee at which you appear to have been present?—I stated before that the first I heard of any thing relating to the Carrickfergus election, was that Mr. Boyton came into the committee room, and stated that an application had been made to him for a certain sum for the Carrickfergus election, but I never saw any letter, and have no recollection of any such letter.

2594. Could

Su.
George Ricci,
9 April 1833.

2594. Could it have been entered as read there, unless it had been read?—Many private letters are read, of which no record is kept in the Society.

2595. But you find there a record of it, and a short abstract of its contents?—I cannot give any information respecting it.

2596. Mr. Follett.]—In whose hand-writing is that minute?—It is in the hand-writing of Mr. Cooper, the assistant secretary.

2597. Mr. Pollock.]—Have you any letter from Mr. Charles Chaine, there?—I have.

2598. Have you more than one?—I have three.

2599. Have you any dated shortly before the 31st of December?—They are dated the 13th of August, the 8th of October 1832, and the 25th of January 1833.

2600. Do they relate to the Carrickfergus election?—I believe not.

2601. In the minute-book, under the 21st of December, here is entered a letter from the Reverend John Chaine, having been read, requesting further aid towards the expenses of the Carrickfergus election, and the resolution of the 20th of October, having been read, resolved, and so on; do you mean that you have no letter referable to that subject?—All the letters of Mr. Chaine, up to the 25th of January, are here, and it may be one of those for all that I know.

2602. Committee.]—Will you look in the index and see if that letter is mentioned in the index?—All the letters of Mr. Chaine are six letters; two were sent up to this Committee before, three are produced now, and one, which is dated late in February, is not here.

2603. Is there any entry of a letter shortly before the 31st of December?—There is nothing but the number that is here, and all the letters to which these numbers belong are produced here.

2604. Mr. Pollock.]—On the 11th of December there is entered an application from the Carrickfergus election committee for a grant of money; have you any such application in writing among your documents?—I think there is no such application in writing, but I know that Mr. Chaine was in town at that time, and there was no necessity for any letter if that application came from him.

2605. Then you have no letters to produce connected with those four entries in the minute book?—Those are all the letters that I ever had.

[The following Letter, delivered in as a previous day, was read.]

" Dear Sir, Oakfield, Carrickfergus, 21 December 1832.

" YOU will doubtless be happy to hear that the election here has terminated in the triumphant return of Mr. Dobbs. As the expenses of it have been very great, and as nothing but the 'Sinews of War' could have carried it (the opposite party being so well supplied with funds), I hope you will do what you can for us. I will shortly be glad to hear from you on the subject. I suppose, however, Mr. Dobbs will himself shortly communicate with you on the subject. I have good hopes of the result of the county of Antrim election, which will commence on Thursday.

" I am, dear Sir, truly your's,

" John Chaine."

" P.S.—I have been requested to say, on the part of several subscribers, that their names are by no means correctly inserted in the Evening Mail, and frequently wrong names appear.—J. C."

[A Letter, dated Antrim, Saturday evening, 5th January 1833, signed John Chaine, addressed Edward Cottingham, Esquire, Grafton-street, Dublin, was delivered in, and the following extract read therefrom.]

" I regret very much the inability of the Society to make us a further grant towards the expenses of the Carrickfergus election, as I assure you they were very heavy."

Mercurii, 10^a die Aprilis, 1833.

DANIEL O'CONNELL, ESQUIRE,
IN THE CHAIR.

The Names of the Members were called over,—All present.

Mr. Harrison stated, that after the evidence which had been given before the Committee, the Counsel for the sitting Member felt that it would be impossible to defend his seat.

Mr. Pollock stated, that on behalf of the Petitioners he did not propose to go into the scrutiny, but that he was prepared, in order to satisfy the Committee of the state of corruption which had existed at Carrickfergus, especially among the freemen, to prove a practice of bribery at the last general election, to a much greater extent than what had already appeared in evidence.

The committee room was closed.

After some time, the Counsel and Parties were again called in, and informed that the Committee would hear any evidence which could be produced on either side for the purpose of proving bribery.

The Rev. *George Chaise* called in; and having been sworn; was Examined by Mr. Pollock, as follows.

Rev.
George Chaise.
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2606. DID you make any application to the Belfast Banking Company for the purposes of the Carrickfergus election?—I did.

2607. Did they advance you any money?—They did.

2608. How much?—Four hundred pounds.

2609. Through whom did you receive it; through Mr. Luke?—Yes.

2610. He is one of the directors of the Belfast Banking Company?—He is.

2611. What did you do with that money?—I handed it to Mr. Legg.

2612. For the purposes of the election?—For the purposes of the election.

2613. Who is to repay the money?—I hold Mr. Legg's acceptance for the money.

2614. Mr. Pollock.]—You have paid it in account with the Belfast Bank, and Mr. Legg is to repay it for your benefit?—Yes.

2615. Is that all the money you have obtained for the purposes of the Carrickfergus election?—I borrowed the sum of about 50*l.* or 60*l.* which I handed to Mr. Legg during the election.

2616. Has that been repaid since to you by Mr. Legg?—Yes, that money has been repaid to me, and I paid the person of whom I borrowed it.

2617. But that is no part of the 400*l.*?—No.

2618. Is that all?—Yes, that is all, except the money from the Conservative Society.

2619. You remitted some money from Dublin; was that money you received from the Conservative Society?—The only money I remitted from Dublin was from the Conservative Society.

2620. Making 950*l.* in all?—That is all; it does not exceed 960*l.*

Cross-examined by Mr. Harrison.

2621. What was the date of the 50*l.*?—I think it was about the 15th of December.

2622. What was the date of the 400*l.*?—The 17th of December.

2623. Mr. Pollock.]—When you applied to Mr. Luke, what did you state to him it was for; did not you state to him it was to pay the voters?—The impression on Mr. Luke's mind may have been so, but I cannot swear whether I did or did not say so; but I have no doubt I said it was for the Carrickfergus election.

2624. Did not you say something to him that gave him an idea that it was to pay for the votes?—I think it is probable that I said something from which Mr. Luke might have formed that idea.

2625. *Chairman.*]

2625. *Chairman.*—Then you had that idea in your own mind?—I knew too much of Carrickfergus to suppose that the election could be carried in any other way.

2626. Did you know it was the habit in Carrickfergus to carry elections by bribery?—I have known it of late years.

2627. Did you hear that from men that were voters?—I have heard it as the common report; I have not been long resident in the neighbourhood of Carrickfergus, but I have heard of Carrickfergus for many years past as being a very corrupt borough.

2628. Having given that sort of intimation to Mr. Luke, was it not for that purpose that you handed it over to Mr. Legg?—Mr. Legg stated to me that it was for electioneering purposes; he did not state that it was for bribery or for voters, although the impression may have been so upon my mind.

2629. *Committee.*—The impression upon your mind was that this election could be carried only by bribery?—Only by bribery.

2630. You are a clergyman of the Established Church?—Yes.

2631. Have you a living there?—I have no professional avocation there, but I reside there.

John Horacborough called in; and having been sworn; was Examined by
Mr. O'Hanlon, as follows.

2632. WHERE do you live?—Beside Castle Dobbs, below Carrickfergus about 2 miles. *John Horacborough.*

2633. Do you recollect seeing Mr. David Legg during the last election?—I do; he was at my place one morning; if you will allow me I will tell you what happened; Mr. Legg had told me he wanted a loan of 500*l.*, I told him that I had not it, but I would get it, and he came out one morning at the time of the election, and he said he would be obliged to me to give him what I had, and I told him I had 200*l.*, and I gave him the 200*l.*, and he gave me a memorandum of it.

2634. Did Mr. Legg tell you what he wanted the money for?—No, he did not; I never asked him; he needed it at the election.

2635. Has he given it back since?—No, I never asked him for it.

2636. Did he say anything about the election?—He said he wanted it that day, and it would oblige him if I would give it.

2637. Did he say he wanted it at the election?—He said he wanted it that day, it was money he needed at the election.

James Penny called in; and having been sworn; was Examined by
Mr. Follett, as follows.

2638. WHAT are you by trade?—I am a general merchant in the haberdashery. *James Penny.*

2639. You have had a Speaker's summons, have not you, to produce your books here?—Yes; but it was too late before I got the summons; I have a written document of the transaction that took place; it was nine o'clock before I left home.

2640. Had you two summonses from the Speaker?—No.

2641. How came you to leave home before you got the summons?—It was left with my young man in the shop.

2642. Did not your summons require you to bring your books?—Yes; but I never saw the summons till I came to Belfast; it was sent to me the next morning, enclosed in a letter; I showed it to an attorney, and he said that the books that it was necessary for me to bring were those relative to the late election.

2643. Did you go back to Carrickfergus?—No; the steamer was just sailing.

2644. How came you to leave Carrickfergus without seeing the summons?—The young man told me that such a thing had been left.

2645. Did not you ask to see it?—Yes; but when he went for it he could not find it.

2646. *Committee.*—Do you mean to state that you came off in pursuance of a summons which you did not see?—The young man told me of the summons.

2647. Did not he tell you you were to bring your books?—No.

2648. Mr. Follett.]—How came you to ask an attorney at Belfast what the summons required?—I had the summons in my pocket when I went to the attorney; it was sent to me.

2649. How came you to have it to Belfast?—I desired the young man in the morning,

James Penny.

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morning, as soon as it came to his hands, to send it to me; I got it about ten or eleven in the morning.

2650. Do you mean to state, upon your oath, that you did not see that summons before you left Carrickfergus?—I do.

2651. *Committee.*]—Is the warrant directed to you?—Yes.

2652. Mr. *Follett.*]—Had you been in Carrickfergus the last week or two before you left it?—Not the entire week; a part of the week I was.

2653. Were you keeping out of the way to avoid the summons?—I would rather not have come here under certain circumstances, I was in a bad state of health.

2654. How long were you keeping out of the way?—I could not exactly say.

2655. Some weeks, was not it?—Not weeks; I think I was a few days from home; but I was the greater part of the time at home.

2656. But you kept out of the way when you were at home, did not you?—I was not in the shop.

2657. Then they left the summons at your shop at last, did not they?—Yes; so I understood.

2658. And now you have brought no books with you at all?—No.

2659. *Committee.*]—Would there have been any difficulty in your going back to Carrickfergus?—I should have been too late for the steamer, and I was told by the young man I saw that I must be off at 12 o'clock that day.

2660. Mr. *Follett.*]—You consulted the attorney at Belfast, and you also took the opinion of counsel whether you had need obey the warrant?—I sent a friend to ask whether I need go forward, stating the circumstances.

2661. Where was that?—That was in Carrickfergus.

2662. How long was that before you left Carrickfergus?—It was about 11 o'clock at night.

2663. Did you leave Carrickfergus that day?—No, I left Carrickfergus the next morning; it was on Monday night that the summons was left, and I left the next morning at five o'clock.

2664. What paper is that you have got here?—It is a statement of the transactions that took place during the time of the election; this is a memorandum that I took of the goods sent home; some of those I copied from the books and some not.

2665. When did you copy them from your books?—I have a memorandum of the transaction.

2666. When did you take that copy from your books?—It was taken off the books as near as I can swear to be correct.

2667. When did you make it?—I made it since I came to London.

2668. Then that is no copy of the books at all?—I should have been very glad if the books could have been here.

2669. Does this paper contain a list of the voters that you gave bribes to?—It does.

2670. Whom did you get the money from?—From Mr. David Legg.

2671. You gave to Thomas Penny 10*l.* did you?—I did.

2672. Who is he?—A brother of my own.

2673. What is he?—He is a freeman.

2674. *Committee.*]—Why could not you get his vote for less than 10*l.*?—I do not know; I did not try.

2675. Did you give 10*l.* to each voter?—Not to every one.

2676. Did you give any body above 10*l.*?—No.

2677. Then you put your brother at the top of the list?—Yes.

2678. Mr. *Follett.*]—Did you give it him when he voted?—No, sometime after; he said he was promised 10*l.* upon the other side.

2679. When did he tell you that?—That was before he voted.

2680. Did you tell him he was to have the same?—No; perhaps he understood so, but I did not tell him so.

2681. *Committee.*]—Have you any doubt that he knew quite well that he would be paid as much as he was offered by the other side?—No, I cannot say that I have.

2682. Mr. *Follett.*]—The next is William Penny, he is another brother?—Yes.

2683. You got him 2*l.* cheaper, 8*l.*?—Yes.

2684. *Committee.*]—Why did not you give him as much as the other brother?—I was desired with the money that was given to me to make the best use I could of it.

2685. To

2685. To get as many voters as you could for it?—Yes.
2686. Was that your brother and father also?—Yes.
2687. Mr. Follen.]—The next person is William Laverty, you got his vote for 8*l.*?—Yes.
2688. Is he a freeman?—Yes.
2689. Did these people all vote for Mr. Dobbs?—They did.
2690. The next is James M'Tamany, you got his vote for 6*l.*?—Yes.
2691. How came you to get William M'Tamany so cheap, I see you only gave him 1*l.*?—That is all he got from me.
2692. What did he get from other people?—I do not know.
2693. What passed between you about it; how came he only to have 1*l.*?—I could not tell any particular conversation that took place respecting it; I lent him that pound after he had voted.
2694. Did you see him before he voted?—I saw him, but I had very little conversation respecting his vote; I understood he was going to vote for the other party.
2695. Did he vote for Mr. Dobbs?—He did.
2696. And you lent him a pound?—I did.
2697. Committee.]—Intending never to call for it again?—Indeed it was likely.
2698. How can you venture to swear that you lent him a pound?—He asked me for a loan of it under the circumstances.
2699. Mr. Follen.]—Under what circumstances?—He had voted for Mr. Dobbs, and I had asked him before if he would vote for him.
2700. You swear with regard to that man, that you did not tell him before that he should get a pound; do you know that he got some money from some other person?—After he got the money from me he told me that he had got a few shillings from some other person, but I do not recollect the name.
2701. Was the person he got a few shillings from one of Mr. Dobbs's party?—Yes.
2702. The next name is William McGown, what did you get his vote for?—Three pounds.
2703. What is he by trade?—He is a weaver.
2704. Is he a freeman?—He is.
2705. Did you promise to pay him any more at any other time?—No, I did not promise to pay him any more than the 3*l.*; it was to his wife it was given.
2706. Had you promised her the 3*l.*?—It was after he voted I gave it to him.
2707. Did you promise her before he voted?—I did.
2708. The next is William Mulholland, you got his vote for 5*l.*?—Yes.
2709. Did you give that to him or to his wife?—To his wife.
2710. Did you promise her before he voted?—I promised the wife before he voted.
2711. I see Betty Thompson, 5*l.* 17*s.* was that for her husband's vote?—It was for her father's vote.
2712. Did you promise that to her before her father voted?—Yes.
2713. How came the odd shillings?—There were some few goods.
2714. You mean that he had part in goods from your shop and the rest in money?—Yes.
2715. What is the christian name of her father?—John Thompson.
2716. Is he a freeman?—He is.
2717. Are they all freemen that I have mentioned?—Yes.
2718. The next name is George Reid, did you give this 5*l.* to George Reid or to his wife?—He did not get it all at one time.
2719. Did you promise it to him before he voted?—I did not promise him that sum.
2720. But you told him he should get something?—I told him he should get something.
2721. And you gave him 5*l.* at different times after he voted?—Yes.
2722. The next is William Milburne 3*l.*, did you give that to him or to his wife?—I gave that to his wife after he voted.
2723. Did you promise it to her before?—No, I told her she might expect something, but I did not mention any particular sum.
2724. Was she satisfied with 3*l.*?—She appeared so.
2725. Robert M'Cally, you got his vote for 1*l.* 12*s.*?—Those were a few goods I was ordered to give the wife.
2726. Committee.]—Who ordered you?—Mr. Legg.

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2727. Was that for a vote also?—Her husband I believe was a voter, I was not well acquainted with that man.

2728. Mr. Follett.]—Did you give him the goods after he had voted or before?—I am not sure.

2729. Is Robert McCally a freeman?—Yes.

2730. Mitchell Williamson s.d.?—I was ordered to give him s.d. by Dr. Marton.

2731. When did Williamson get that, after he had voted or before?—After he had voted.

2732. Was it promised to him before?—I do not know any thing of any promise before.

2733. The next is James McCannan s.d.?—It was after he voted, that I told him he should have that sum.

2734. Was there any promise to him before he voted?—No.

2735. How came he to get the money?—He was desired to come to me to get the money.

2736. But what took place at the canvassing, or who promised him, you do not know?—It was Mr. Legg that told him to come to me.

2737. Did he say what sum Mr. Legg desired you to give him?—No, that was not all got at one time.

2738. He came several times, did he?—Yes.

2739. And then you gave him at different times money amounting to s.d.?—Yes.

2740. The next is William Milburn s.d. 10s., was that a bargain of your own, or was he sent by somebody else?—That was a bargain of my own.

2741. Did you promise him, or his wife?—After he voted, I said she should have s.d., and the greater part of that was goods out of the shop.

2742. How came he to vote for Mr. Dobbs; had not you seen the wife before he voted?—I had.

2743. Did you tell her she should have something?—No, I did not tell her she should have anything; that was a thing I was cautious about doing.

2744. Did not you give her to understand that she should have something?—I desired her to call upon me shortly after he voted.

2745. I see the sums that you have mentioned altogether are 62l. 19s., is that so?—Yes.

2746. The next is Mary Robinson; is she the wife of a voter?—Yes.

2747. What is her husband's name?—Alexander Robinson.

2748. And you gave her s.d. for her husband's vote?—Yes.

2749. Did you promise her before he voted?—I told her before he voted that she should have s.d.

2750. The next is William Donnelly; you gave him a larger sum?—He got 21l.

2751. Committee.]—How came he to get so large a sum?—I believe it was for the same purpose that I got the money from Mr. Legg.

2752. Then Donnelly was a briber?—I believe he was.

2753. Was he a voter?—Yes.

2754. Mr. Follett.]—Was he a freeman?—I am not sure.

2755. What is he by trade?—He keeps a public house.

2756. These altogether amount to 86l. 19s., what other money did you get from Mr. Legg?—I did not get all that from Mr. Legg; I only got 60l. from Mr. Legg.

2757. Upon whose credit did you advance it?—Upon the credit of Mr. Legg.

2758. Then you only got 60l. from Mr. Legg?—No.

2759. Committee.]—Did you advance anything more on account of the election?—No.

2760. How were you to be repaid yourself, for your own services?—I did not expect any payment whatever.

2761. Mr. Follett.]—Was it zeal for the cause?—Yes.

2762. Committee.]—Did you volunteer to be so?—I was asked by Mr. Legg if I would use my exertions during the election.

2763. Were you to derive any advantage whatever from the connection with Legg?—I did not expect it.

2764. What induced you to commit the crime of bribery, and to subject all these wretches to the crime of perjury; was it nothing in the world but out of love to Mr. Legg?—I did not expect any payment or reward of any description.

2765. Did you expect advantage in business or patronage?—No; of course I expected that my friends would not go past me.

2766. In dealing?—Yes.

2767. Then

2767. Then your expectation was, that you would make money by it in your trade?—Yes.

2768. Has it been realized; have they dealt with you since?—Yes, certainly.

2769. Who have dealt with you?—I could not say as to any particular individuals, more than my general customers.

2770. You said it was from zeal for the cause; what is the cause you were so anxious about?—It was the independent cause.

2771. Then the independence of Carrickfergus means bribing the freemen?—It appears so.

2772. Who did you vote for at the election before?—I voted for Sir Arthur Chichester.

2773. *Committee.*]—Were you employed to bribe at the former election?—No.

2774. *Mr. Follett.*]—Then the sum that you hold Mr. Legg responsible for at present is 26 £ 19 s. is it?—It is.

2775. This list that you have made out is from your recollection?—As near as I can recollect.

2776. Let me see if I can help you to a few more; what do you say to a person of the name of John Berry, did you ever give him money?—No, I never did; I did not so much as know that he was a freeman till after he had polled.

2777. Did you give him any money?—I did not.

2778. Did you give him any goods from your shop?—I did not.

2779. Do you know that he got money from somebody else?—I do not.

2780. Nathaniel Cameron?—He never received a fraction from me upon the occasion, and we never had a conversation upon the subject.

2781. Or his wife?—Nor his wife.

2782. When you say that you gave no money to Berry, I take for granted that you did not give any to his wife?—No.

2783. Or to any of his family?—No.

2784. James Smith?—I do not recollect any man of the name; but I am certain that I gave no money to any individuals but the names I have written down.

2785. Alexander Davidson?—No, I never gave him a fraction.

2786. Neither money nor goods?—Neither money nor goods.

2787. Nor to his wife?—No.

2788. Thomas Larnoe, do you know him?—No, I do not.

2789. Did you give money to Nathaniel Curry?—No.

2790. Nor goods?—Nor goods; I had no transaction of the kind.

2791. Do you know Matthew Paterson?—I know him very well.

2792. Did you offer him any thing?—I did not to my recollection; I do not recollect having any conversation upon the subject, there might be, but I cannot recollect any thing of the sort; I cannot recollect having any conversation upon the subject of the election affairs at all.

2793. Have you any such recollection that you can swear positively that no such transaction did take place between you and Paterson?—I can state positively.

2794. Did not you, in Paterson's presence, offer money to other persons?—I do not recollect it.

2795. Will you swear that you did not?—I do not recollect Paterson and me being present when I had any conversation upon the subject.

2796. Do you recollect Paterson being present when you offered money to women?—I do not.

2797. *Committee.*]—How long have you been living in Carrickfergus?—I was born in the neighbourhood of Carrickfergus.

2798. Has this habit of bribery continued long at Carrickfergus?—I believe it has been a general thing.

2799. You mean general in Carrickfergus?—Yes.

2800. Was there any particular sum by the head that votes were generally got for at Carrickfergus?—I do not think there was.

2801. Every body made as good a bargain as he could?—I think so.

2802. You gave no money excepting to the freemen?—No.

2803. Was there any distinction in the price between the freemen and the other voters?—I do not know of any difference.

2804. Were you a freeman?—Yes.

2805. Then you were employed to bribe the freemen, and somebody else to bribe the householders?—There were no remarks about that.

2806. Then you would have bribed a householder just the same as a freeman?—Just the same.

James Wilson called in; and having been sworn; was Examined by
Mr. Pollock, as follows.

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2807. DID you pay away any money during the last Carrickfergus election?—
I did.
2808. How much did you pay?—I could not positively say; I think about 30*l.*
or 40*l.*
2809. Have you any account of the persons to whom you paid?—I have not.
2810. Was John Inglis one?—No.
2811. Archibald Larmour?—No.
2812. Who were they?—The only person I recollect paying money to for a vote
was John M'Cann's wife.
2813. What did you pay her?—Six pounds.
2814. Was that about the amount you paid to different other people?—I do
not recollect paying any sums.
2815. How did you expend the 40*l.*?—I spent 10*l.* in paying the band. I said
40*l.* at the outside, but I could not give an account of it; it went away in small
sums.
2816. From whom did you receive it?—It was my own money.
2817. *Cumvultus.*]—It was money you advanced?—Yes.
2818. Upon whose credit?—Upon no particular person's credit.
2819. What connection had you with the election?—I had no particular con-
nection; my uncle, Robert Handley, had been very busy at elections, and
Mr. Dobbs being a particular friend of his, I was anxious that he should succeed.
2820. Mr. Pollock.]—And therefore you dabbled a little in the bribery that was
going on?—Just so.
2821. *Cumvultus.*]—Is this bribery general in the town?—Yes, I believe it is.
2822. Then this was not the first time?—It was the first time I had any concern
with it.
2823. Then Carrickfergus appears to be a very corrupt borough?—It has that
name.
2824. And it appears, according to your evidence, that it deserves that name;
it is not a nick-name?—I am afraid it is not a nick-name.
2825. Did you give the money to M'Cann's wife before the man voted?—I did.
2826. Mr. Pollock.]—Where does M'Cann live?—In the Irish quarter, South.
2827. How many people do you think you distributed this money among?—
I cannot say; I recollect the names of two persons that I did give money to.
I gave money to the mother of John Adams, which was afterwards returned to me;
the person voted for Sir Arthur Clichester, and the money was returned to me;
and I gave 6*l.* to the wife of another person, named M'Kesson. I was desired to
give the money, but I had no conversation with him relative to his vote; I certainly
understood that it was for it.
2828. Who was it that directed you to give that money?—It was Paul Logan.
2829. Do you remember a person of the name of Hamilton?—I do not remem-
ber either giving or promising any money to a person of that name.
2830. Is that the only instance in which Mr. Paul Logan directed you to give
money?—I think he directed me to give to Adams also.
2831. Did you ever see Logan give money himself?—I did not, nor do I know
that he gave any.
2832. Do you recollect an offer being made by you or in your presence, to a
person named James Hamilton?—No, I do not.
2823. Or any other sum to James Hamilton?—Or any other sum to James
Hamilton.

Daniel Mahollan called in; and having being sworn; was Examined by
Mr. O'Hanlon, as follows.

Daniel Mahollan.

2834. WERE you active at the last election for Carrickfergus?—Middling.
2835. Did you see anything of Mr. Legg there?—I did.
2836. Did you get any money from him?—Yes, I did, before the election
came on.
2837. How much?—I think before the election came on I got 3*l.* from him one
day, and I got 1*l.* from him another day; I got altogether 5*l.* 10*s.*
2838. Did you get any during the election?—No, I did not.

2839. Did

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2839. Did you ever get 10*l.* from him?—No.
2840. Do you mean to swear that 5*l.* 10*s.* was all the money you got from him?—Yes.
2841. Do you know a man called Logan?—Yes.
2842. How much did you get from him?—No money concerning the election, but I got money at several times.
2843. Do you know Dr. Marton?—Yes.
2844. Did you get any money from him?—Never.
2845. Did you get 100*l.* from anybody during or before the election?—No, I never did.
2846. Do you know Dan Macauley?—Yes, he works with me at the present time.
2847. Do you know who he voted for?—He voted for Mr. Dobbs.
2848. Did you ask him to vote for Mr. Dobbs?—I did; he said he would not vote for Mr. Dobbs, unless he had some money. I told him I had not it in my power to give him any money; he said my brother got 5*l.* from Sir Arthur's party, and I would vote for the one half for Mr. Dobbs; and I said, "it is not in my power to give you any money."
2849. Had not you got 5*l.* from Mr. Legg?—Yes, Mr. Legg gave me 3*l.* to keep in my pocket.
2850. He had given you 5*l.* 10*s.* and therefore there was 50*s.* remaining beyond the 3*l.* to keep in your pocket; why did not you give that money to Macauley?—I never was ordered to give it to him.
2851. What did you do with it?—A pound note I gave to another woman.
2852. What was her name?—She is married to a man of the name of McKee.
2853. Is he a freeman?—He is.
2854. And voted?—Yes, he is a tenant of Lord Downshire's.
2855. What did you do with Macauley?—I said, if you think it better to take the 5*l.* to vote for Sir Arthur, you are welcome to do it.
2856. Committee.]—What were you employed for at the election?—They asked me if I would give them a vote, and told them I was not registered.
2857. What did Mr. Legg give you the 3*l.* for?—I told him I was not going to bother myself during the election; and he asked me if I would help him a little.
2858. Did you let him know that you could not vote before he gave you 3*l.*?—I did; I told him I was not registered.
2859. Then what did he give you the 3*l.* for?—To give the freemen drink, and so on.
2860. Mr. O'Hanlon.]—Was it helping Mr. Legg or Mr. Dobbs to tell Macauley that if he chose to take 5*l.* from Sir Arthur Chichester he was welcome to do so; is that what you call serving your side?—Yes, it was my intention to serve the side.
2861. Committee.]—You bribed nobody, did you?—No, I did not bribe a bit. Several of the freemen asked me at the time of the election, and I told them I could give them no money.
2862. Did you tell them who could give them money?—No.
2863. Mr. O'Hanlon.]—Do you know a man of the name of Humphries?—Yes.
2864. Did you get any money from him?—No.

Alexander Hamilton called in; and having been sworn; was Examined by Mr. Follett, as follows.

Alexander Hamilton.

2865. ARE you an elector of Carrickfergus?—Yes.
2866. I believe you did not vote at the last election?—No.
2867. Why not?—I would not take the oath.
2868. When you went up to poll they asked you to take the bribery oath, and you refused?—Yes.
2869. Did you receive any money for your vote?—No.
2870. Did any of your family get it?—I had got a promise, but I got none.
2871. Who had you got the money from?—I did not know the man, but I heard afterwards they called him Cameron.
2872. Where was he when you got the promise?—He was in the street.
2873. Did you go to Robert Lockart's?—Yes.
2872. Why did you go there?—I saw a good many people, but I did not know them.
2875. Did you see Cameron there?—No.
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2876. Who took you in to Lockhart's?—He told me to go to Robin Lockhart's, after we had talked about voting; after we had made an agreement.

2877. Where did you make the agreement?—We made the agreement in the street, and he told me to stop a few minutes and he would come back to me.

2878. What agreement did he make?—He told me he would give me 10*l.*, and I told him I would not take it, and I stopped there till he came out to me again. He told me to come across the street to the other side, and there was another man that he went in along with, and they called the other man aside, and my wife was along with them, and he took the other man to the other side of the room, and they were there for a few minutes, and then James Hamilton came and told my wife that I might go and vote.

2879. Where was the 10*l.* put at the time?—I do not know; my wife gave it to me after I came off the table.

2880. That is, after you had been up to vote?—

2881. When you went up to poll, you refused to take the bribery oath?—Yes.

2882. And then, when you came back you got the 10*l.*?—Yes.

2883. Did they ask for it back again?—They did; I said I would not give it back again, because I had told them before that I would not take the bribery oath, and I thought I had a right to keep it.

2884. If you were not to get money, who would you vote for?—I would have voted for the same side that I was up to vote for, for Mr. Dobbs.

2885. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

2886. Did you hear of bribery at former elections?—I never did vote before at elections, and I did not know.

2887. Were you a freeman before?—Yes.

2888. How long have you been a freeman?—Upwards of two years.

2889. How did you get your freedom?—By my father being a freeman.

William Hamilton called in; and having been sworn; was Examined by
Mr. Pollett, as follows.

William Hamilton

2890. ARE you a brother to the last witness?—Yes.

2891. Are you an elector of Carrickfergus?—Yes.

2892. What money did you get for your vote at the last election?—None.

2893. What were you promised?—I was promised none.

2894. Did not somebody promise you some money?—No.

2895. Had you no talk with Mr. Cameron about your vote?—Yes, Mr. Cameron did ask me; he told me that he could get me as much money as my brother had got.

2896. How much money was your brother to have?—Ten pounds; he told me that my brother had got that, and that he could get me as much.

2897. Where did he tell you that?—In Robert Lockhart's yard.

2898. Did you promise to vote for Mr. Dobbs?—No, I did not.

2899. What did you say to Cameron?—I told him I would take no money.

2900. Did not you ask him for 5*l.* more?—Yes; he asked me how much I wanted, and I told him if he would give me 5*l.* more I would speak to him.

2901. What did he say to that?—He told me not to promise till I had seen him again, or some one in his place.

2902. Then you left him, did you?—I did.

2903. Did you go back to him afterwards?—I did not.

2904. Did you vote?—Yes.

2905. For whom did you vote?—For Sir Arthur.

2906. Did you see Mr. Wilson after that at all?—Yes.

2907. Had you any talk with him about your vote?—No, I had not.

2908. Did not he say anything to you about your brother?—No.

2909. What did he say to you?—He said something concerning the 5*l.*

2910. What did he say?—I did not understand what he meant.

2911. What did he say?—He said, "What concerning the 5*l.*"

2912. What did you say to that?—I said nothing at all.

2913. Was that all that passed between you?—That was all.

2914. Was that after you had the talk with Cameron?—Yes.

2915. Committee.]—Did you give your vote for nothing after all?—Yes.

2916. Did not you expect to get something?—No.

2917. You could have got 10*l.* for your vote and you wanted 15*l.*, and as you could

could not get the 15*l.* you went generously and voted for nothing?—I intended to vote that way from the first.

2918. Which way?—For Sir Arthur Chichester.

2919. But if you could have got the 15*l.* you would have voted for Mr. Dobbs?—No, I would not.

2920. Then why did you ask for it?—He insisted on me to say what I wanted when I would not take the 10*l.*, and I wished to know how much was to be had.

2921. Was it for mere curiosity that you asked for the other 5*l.*?—Yes, it was.

2922. And you would not have taken it if it had been offered?—No, I would not.

2923. Or more?—Or more.

Mr. David Legg called in; and having been sworn; was Examined by Mr. Pollock, as follows.

2924. I BELIEVE you are a solicitor?—Yes.

2925. Living where?—At Lisburne, in the county of Antrim.

2926. You were actively concerned in the last election?—I was.

2927. How much money in the whole did you distribute to different parties for the purpose of paying the voters for their votes?—I really am not able to answer that question.

2928. About how much?—I should think between eleven and twelve hundred pounds.

2929. Committee.]—Have you no account of it?—I kept no account.

2930. How much actually came into your hands; you got 500*l.* from the Conservative Society?—Yes.

2931. And 400*l.* from the Belfast bank?—Yes, and 200*l.* from Horseborough.

2932. How much from Logan?—One hundred and fifty pounds; and I got 60*l.* from Mr. Johns, through Mr. Chaine.

2933. Any more?—I do not recollect that I got any more.

2934. Your bill is out for 400*l.*?—It is.

2935. How are you to be reimbursed that 400*l.*?—I do not know, I have no means of getting it from any person.

2936. Mr. Pollock.]—Have you been present at Carrickfergus at former elections?—I have.

2937. Has not the same species of proceedings characterized former elections which did the last with respect to bribing voters?—Certainly not to the same extent.

2938. Committee.]—The last was the most corrupt, was it?—That I have ever known.

2939. But there was corruption at the former ones?—Yes.

2940. You bribed every body that would take a bribe?—We were forced to do it by the opposite party; we allowed them about 36 hours start before we began.

2941. Mr. Pollock.]—Were there not public houses open during the last election?—There were.

2942. Are not the accounts of those public houses still unsettled?—I do not know of any that are paid.

2943. How many houses do you think were open?—I do not know, because the publicans in Carrickfergus are in the habit of opening their houses, without getting any directions at all.

2944. Have you had any of the accounts furnished?—I think I did get one or two small accounts.

2945. How many houses do you think were open?—I dare say every house in Carrickfergus was open on one side or other.

2946. How many public houses are there?—There are 20, at all events.

2947. All open?—I will not say that they were all open.

2948. Do you know the sums that are due for those open houses?—No.

Cross-examined by Mr. Harrison.

2949. You had the principal conduct of this election?—I managed it, connected with others.

2950. Was Mr. Dobbs at all privy to any of those things that were going on?—Most decidedly not; it was contrary to his express wish at the commencement.

2951. Then from the beginning to the end, Mr. Dobbs had no knowledge of the practices that were going forward?—Certainly not; his observation was, if I were

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to be returned by bribery, I should not feel myself comfortable in the House of Commons.

2952. What was the expense of the registry?—I should think if the expense of the registry were gone into, and I made a charge professionally, it would come to between four and five hundred pounds, because there was a large sum expended in the stamp duty.

2953. *Committee.*]—What object had you in bribing, if Mr. Dobbs disclaimed it?—Party spirit, and different things; local party spirit as to corporation politics.

2954. You were not living at Carrickfergus, you were living at Lisburne?—It is my native town.

2955. So that the spirit of Carrickfergus politics produced this terrific scene of bribery?—Most unquestionably.

2956. Mr. *Harrison.*]—And in opposition to the wishes of Mr. Dobbs?—Certainly, Mr. Dobbs had no means of knowing what was going on.

2957. *Committee.*]—The Committee collect from you, that no man who had not bribed to a most shameful extent, would have had any chance of being returned?—I do not say that decidedly, because I suppose there were instances of honour at the last Carrickfergus election, that had not their example; I know that there was a party who was offered a very large sum of money by the opposite party, and they refused, and they all voted for Mr. Dobbs.

2958. Were those freemen?—They were freemen.

2959. But to carry the last election, bribery was absolutely necessary?—Yes.

2960. Mr. *Harrison.*]—Had you a considerable number of fishermen in the town upon the Saturday?—We were obliged to have upon the first day of the election, Sir Arthur Chichester's party was very strong, and they carried our voters into their tally rooms. Upon two occasions we took voters that had been carried, contrary to their will, into Sir Arthur Chichester's tally room.

2961. Were a good many of those fishermen persons that had no votes?—A great many of those were not voters.

2962. Did they ask for something to indemnify them for the loss they sustained, in consequence of their attending at the election?—I went to tell them that there was every hazard of our losing the election by physical force, and that if they did not attend, the consequences might be serious to Mr. Dobbs's party; they said that their boats would be thrown idle, and their families wanting support, and I said they should get fair wages; and after the election, all those persons were paid at the rate of 5*s.* a day in wages.

2963. Was there any distinction in the payment made, between those that were freemen and those that were not?—None whatever.

2964. How many were there of them?—I think about 50.

2965. And you kept them in attendance from the Friday till the end of the election?—Yes.

2966. On what day did the election end?—On the Wednesday.

2967. When you say that bribery was necessary to carry the election, was it in consequence of the bribery upon the other side?—Yes; we made a calculation, that in case there was no money spent in bribery, Mr. Dobbs would have a considerable majority; and we let that majority be diminished as far as we could safely before we resorted to that measure.

2968. Did any persons who applied to you state what had been promised to them by the other side?—I doubted at first about money being given upon the other side, and a person came to me and said that we should lose the election, that they were giving money, I said I should like to see it before any thing was done, and he went into Sir Arthur Chichester's tally room and he brought out 5*l.*

2969. *Committee.*]—Have you been asked since this Petition has been presented by Mr. Dobbs, or his party, anything with respect to the bribery that took place?—No; for I have abstained from holding much communication with Mr. Dobbs's agent.

2970. You have spoken of the local politics in Carrickfergus, are those local politics between the corporation and the town?—The corporation is in the hands of Lord Donegal, and the feeling of the corporation is, that Lord Donegal has mismanaged it very much, having the entire control over it.

2971. And the Downshire family are in the opposite interest?—Not till very recently.

2972. But recently there has been a contest between those two powerful families?—The first contested election I had any thing to do with was in 1830, when Lord George

George Hill started at the request of the freemen to open the borough, and he came forward then; there was an election in 1831, when Lord George Hill was not returned.

2973. Then it was at the request of the freemen that he came forward to contest with the corporation?—Not to contest with the corporation but to contest with Lord Donegal, as holding the corporation.

2974. And in that contest the corporation shook off Lord Donegal?—Yes.

2975. Your local politics are entirely unconnected with the general politics of the country?—Entirely; it was objected to Mr. Dobbs, that he was a conservative, the feeling was that it would do him harm; and we had to contend against it upon the opposite side.

2976. But there seems to be no spirit of popular freedom either way?—The great mass of the electors are very poor certainly, and they cannot withstand the inducements of bribery.

2977. Is it the freemen that you allude to?—In comparison of the numbers I think there was equal bribery on the part of the 10*l.* householders.

2978. Among those that your party bribed can you name any of the 10*l.* householders?—I cannot name any.

2979. Was it not you that paid the 10*l.* to Mrs. Coiry, the wife of the serjeant?—No.

2980. But you deposited it at Doctor Marton's?—I did.

2981. Why did you give 20*l.* for that single vote?—Our money was running very short, and we knew that the man was of that character that the instant he got the money he would run into the opposite tally room and show it, and we thought that would put a stop to the bribery.

2982. Then the Committee understand you to say, that you yourself are not cognizant of any act of bribery with any of the new constituency?—No; I cannot at this moment recollect any.

2983. But what you are cognizant of is with respect to the freemen?—I cannot say that it is with respect to the freemen alone; but my knowledge of the constituency would lead me to suspect that there is as much bribery on the one side as the other.

2984. Do you know of a case of any householder being bribed?—I do not.

2985. Do you know of your own knowledge, or from any man that was bribed, of any act of bribery by the other side?—I do know of one case which is clearly on my mind, it is the case of a man residing on the Marquis of Downshire's estate.

2986. What is his name?—James M'Alister.

2987. Do you know of your own knowledge how he voted?—For Sir Arthur Chichester.

2988. In what right?—As a freeman; he resided on Lord Downshire's estate, as a tenant; he was going to get a part of a farm of land from a man of the name of John Hindlick; Hindlick took him down to some of Sir Arthur Chichester's houses, and Hindlick received 9*l.* on condition that M'Alister should vote for Sir Arthur Chichester, as a fine to be paid to M'Alister for the land.

2989. And he voted accordingly?—He did.

Adam Cunningham called in; and having been sworn; was Examined by *Mr. O'Hanlon*, as follows.

2990. HAVE you got the registry of the voters at Carrickfergus?—I have.

Adam Cunningham.

[*The same was delivered in.*]

The Counsel were informed by the Committee that they wished to examine Mr. Cohen, who had been summoned.

Mr. James Cohen called in; and having been sworn; was Examined, by the Committee, as follows.

2991. YOU are a cotton-manufacturer near Carrickfergus?—I am.

2992. Did you take any part at the last election?—I did.

2993. On whose behalf?—On behalf of Sir Arthur Chichester.

2994. Do you know any thing of the bribery of the voters at the last election?—I do.

2995. How many voters do you know to have been bribed?—Some hundreds.

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2996. Do you mean on both sides?—No.
2997. Upon your own side?—Yes.
2998. What was the general sum paid for a vote?—Nothing under 5*l*.
2999. Was 5*l* the general sum for a vote?—It was the sum that was paid, out of which there was a deduction from those whose freedom had been formerly paid.
3000. How much was that?—£. 1. 5.
3001. And 3*l* 15*s*. given?—Yes.
3002. And you say you know that in hundreds of instances?—Two hundred, at least.
3003. Were those principally freemen or householders?—I do not recollect at this moment any instance of a householder but one.
3004. What was the largest sum you know given for a vote?—There were accounts produced that were alleged to be due, in some instances those were paid as well as a sum of money.
3005. Do you mean accounts standing over from some former election?—Yes, it was; not for elections; it was for election purposes.
3006. For liquor and other goods?—Yes.
3007. What was the largest sum that any man got combining, both together?—Thirteen or fourteen pounds.
3008. Simply for a vote, did you give more than 5*l*.—Yes.
3009. How much did you give without former accounts?—Ten pounds in a few instances.
3010. And the lowest sum was five?—Yes.
3011. Then you went on bribing without ceremony as a matter of course?—There was no getting them to the poll without it.
3012. Had bribery been committed there to your knowledge before?—It had.
3013. About how many do you know to have been bribed at a former election?—I offered in a former instance 700*l*. for a certain number.
3014. Was it accepted?—No.
3015. How much was asked?—The answer I got was, that they could do better, and I was too late.
3016. What was the number?—It was the fishermen; about forty; I think that was at Lord George Hill's election.
3017. Were you told how much they had actually got above the 700*l*.?—I understood they got a thousand pounds.
3018. Who did you understand it from?—I do not recollect at this moment.
3019. But they all voted against you though you offered 700*l*.—They did.
3020. Do you recollect many elections at Carrickfergus?—I do.
3021. Has this scene of bribery always been the case at the elections at Carrickfergus?—I do not recollect any contested elections but one previous to 1829 or 1830; in 1814 or 1815 I was not a freeman, but I know that some of the freemen were paid then.

The Committee room was cleared.

The Committee determined,

THAT Conway Richard Dobbs, Esq. is not duly elected a Burgess to serve in this present Parliament for the town and county of the town of Carrickfergus:

That the last election for the town and county of the town of Carrickfergus is a void election:

That the Petition of the freeholders, leaseholders and householders, electors of Carrickfergus, does not appear to the Committee to be frivolous or vexatious:

That the opposition to the said Petition does not appear to the said Committee to be frivolous or vexatious.

The Committee also came to the following Resolutions:

THAT the most gross and scandalous bribery appears to have prevailed on both sides at the late election for the town and county of the town of Carrickfergus; and that although it does not appear that the said Conway Richard Dobbs, Esq. did personally take any part in such bribery, yet that his Return was procured by his agents and friends by bribery:

That

That a great proportion of the constituency, composed of freemen of the Corporation, have been influenced solely by bribery, in giving their votes at the late election; and that it appears to the Committee, that similar corrupt practices have prevailed at former elections for the said town and county of the town of Carrickfergus.

The Counsel and Parties were again called in, and informed of the determination of the Committee.

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Mr. Wallace, the Agent for the Petitioners, stated that the members of the Conservative Society, who had been in attendance, had sent in their accounts to him, claiming to be paid their expenses; that he felt that Sir George Rich ought to be allowed his expenses; but that great expense having been caused to the Petitioners by the delay of the documents on the part of the Conservative Society, he did not feel himself called upon to pay the members of that Society, generally, their expenses.

The Chairman intimated the opinion of the Committee, that no blame whatever attached to Sir George Rich.

Captain Cottingham stated, that he had been summoned over, and that he considered he was entitled to his expenses.

The Chairman informed Captain Cottingham, that it appeared to the Committee that he would not have been summoned if the books and documents had been sent, pursuant to The Speaker's warrant in the first instance; at the same time that the Committee did not feel that there was any implication at all as against him personally.

Captain Cottingham stated, that if he had been examined he could have removed any blame which had been attributed to the Conservative Society, and that he was desirous of being examined upon that subject.

The Chairman informed Captain Cottingham that the Committee had closed their inquiries, and did not feel at liberty to enter into further examinations.

The Committee Room was cleared.

After some time, the Parties were again called in, and informed that the Committee had determined to report to The House the following Resolutions:

1. THAT the Committee begged leave to submit to the most serious attention of The House the evidence of gross bribery and corruption, which appears upon the Minutes of Evidence:

2. THAT great expense has been occasioned to the Parties by the delay in the production of certain documents which were required in the progress of the Petitioners' case; and that the Committee would also beg leave to direct the attention of The House to the facts which appear upon the Minutes of Evidence upon that subject.